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By Edson Tandoc Jr.

THE MOOD at yesterday's Rizal Park rally was as festive as the opposition protest in Makati City 4 days ago, but the snacks served by supporters of

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Signs of 'hakot' all over Luneta despite denials

By Volt Contreras and Tina G. Santos

DESPITE stout official denials that it was money that drew in tens of thousands of people to yesterday's prayer rally in support of President Macapagal-Arroyo, signs of big spending were for all to see.

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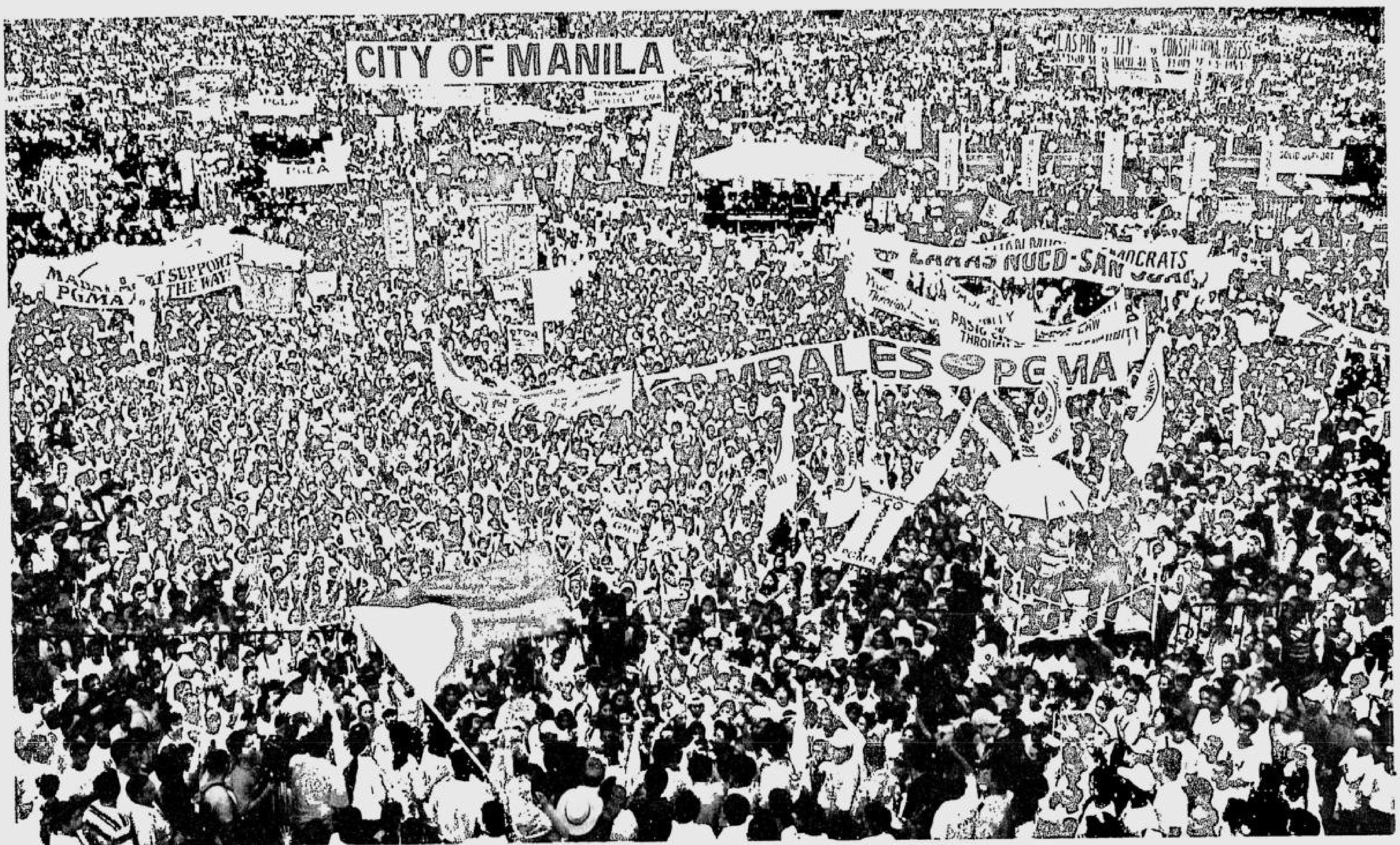
Thousands cheer GMA



"PEACE AND UNITY THROUGH THE RULE OF LAW" is the theme of the massive administration rally on Saturday at the Rizal Park, which also manifests "People Power" support for President Arroyo. AP

Public relations blitz to reinvent Gloria's image

By Gerry Lirio
Chief, PDI iTeam

EXPECT a friendlier, gentler, more empathetic President Macapagal-Arroyo in the next few days.

The usually wooden President will be seen smiling more and being chummy with fishermen and street vendors even as she continues her inspection tours of roads and markets, in an attempt to correct her image as an "arrogant" leader who allegedly stole the presidential election last year and should resign.

These are some of the details contained in a confidential communication plan reportedly adopted by Palace spin doctors to reverse the nosedive in the President's popularity that began last month when allegations that her family benefited from jueteng bribes and the "Gloriagate" tape surfaced.

The planned image makeover, the fourth attempt at reinventing the President since she assumed office in 2001, was said to have been presented and endorsed during a Cabinet meeting last July 5 by Marita Jimenez, Ms Arroyo's media coordinator during the 2004 presidential campaign.

The desired image will strike a balance between

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Luneta prayer rally matches Makati crowd

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DEEP IN PRAYER in Lipa City at the shrine of the image of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on Saturday, the feast day of the miraculous image, President Arroyo, according to her aides prays ceaselessly these days for genuine reconciliation between the forces now dividing the country to empower Filipinos to finally move forward.

By Jerome Aning, Edson Tandoc and Tina Santos

THE MASSES came and so did some of the big names in show business, including a comedienne.

Still, the message was serious.

A huge flag in the middle of the site dubbed the rally "Gathering for peace, unity through the rule of law," and the grandstand was festooned with streamers that read "Heal our land" "Law, not uprising" and "Jobs, not chaos."

Matching crowd for crowd, supporters of President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday held large prayer rally at Manila's Rizal Park in show of support for their embattled leade three days after her opponents demanded sh step down during a protest rally in the Makat financial district.

Placards called her "God's appointed President."

At some point, the three-hour prayer rally turned into a concert, the crowd loudly cheering the pop artists and the other celebrities who came. Just like the opposition rally in Makati.

The crowd appeared to have outnumbered the estimated 40,000 people who massed on Makati's Ayala Avenue on Wednesday to declare that they had had enough of Ms Arroyo.

INQUIRER reporters and photographers estimated those who came to Rizal Park at between 45,000 and 60,000.

Manila police director Chief Supt. Pedro Bulaong and Metro Manila Development Chai Bayani Fernando saw things differently. The estimated the crowd at its peak to hav reached 250,000.

Among Western news agencies, Reuters an The Associated Press quoted police as estimating the crowd at around 120,000. Agenc France-Presse, also quoting the police, put th number at 50,000 but said that "witnesse gave a much lower figure [of] only aroun 15,000."

Some of the loudest cheers went to th

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This classroom of life has no walls, just trees

By Abigail L. Ho

THIS CLASSROOM has no walls. Students are surrounded by trees—tall and green, their branches reaching up to the heavens.

There are no desks so students sit on the grass, at the foot of a mountain somewhere in Negros Oriental, Sorsogon, Leyte or North Cotabato. There are no book pages to turn. But there are ropes for lessons in knotting, rappelling and traversing.

This classroom in the mountains, called the Energy Camp, runs for a week. Here, students are taught how to cook and how to make compost pits. They are also given lessons in social graces, martial arts and some ballroom dancing.

The classroom in the mountains is one way Philippine National Oil Co. Energy Development Corp.'s (PNOC-EDC) can give something back to its host communities—to the people who so generously allow it to operate geothermal power facilities in their areas.

A brainchild of PNOC-EDC president Paul Aquino, the PNOC-EDC Energy Camp aims to provide the state firm's high school scholars a chance to get out of their classrooms and explore the wonders of nature.

Traditional classroom knowledge is set aside for a week as students undergo survival training while learning to help save the environment.

The Energy Camp also plays host to above average students—only the best in their junior classes in regular school are chosen to join. And while they are some of the most intelligent students in the PNOC-EDC geothermal sites in Negros Oriental, Sorsogon, North Cotabato and Leyte, they are also some of the most disadvantaged.

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Abu defends medals

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

ARMED Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Efren Abu said critics of Medal of Valor awardee Lt. Col. Noel Buan could not have done his feat of killing Abu Sayyaf commander Hamsiraji Sali in his own stronghold.

Abu also said that by killing Sali, Buan helped restore peace and order in Basilan which used to be a base of operations of the bandits.

An MOV awardee said Buan and his man, S/Sgt. Leopoldo Diokno did not deserve to get the highest military award for bravery in combat because there was "treachery, deception and betrayal" in the operation.

Col. Arturo Ortiz, who received the medal in 1990 after his group overran a communist rebel base in Murcia, Negros Occidental (not Nueva Ecija, as reported yesterday), called the operation a "rubout that was pre-planned" saying Sali together with his brother and four of his men were about to surrender to Buan that day.

Ortiz also called Buan and Diokno "fake heroes." Abu said it was "difficult" for those who evaluated Buan's case to judge what he did. "But there are so many witnesses who are telling us that the feat of Buan and Diokno was really something," he said.

Chavit insists Erap tapes are authentic

By Norman Bordadora, Gil Cabacungan Jr. and Armand N. Nocum

ILOCOS SUR Governor Luis "Chavit" Singson yesterday insisted that all the conversations contained in the X-tapes he played before the media on Thursday were authentic despite claims by deposed President Joseph Estrada that some portions of the tape were spliced.

"If there's such a thing as a genuine tape, then this is it," Singson said, adding that he'll have the tape authenticated by technical experts in the US.

"I'm going to have it authenticated in the US. Right now, I'm already trying to contact which firm could authenticate," Singson said in reaction to the challenge hurled by Estrada that Senators Luisa Ejercito and Jinggoy Estrada would both resign if that part of the tapes about an alleged destabilization plot would be proven true.

Estrada also dared President Macapagal-Arroyo and Singson to both resign if that part of the X-tapes was proven to have been spliced to make it appear that Estrada was plotting against the incumbent.

In the first part of the X-tapes, Estrada was heard discussing election developments with former Armed Forces chief of staff Joselin Nazareno whom he sent to Mindanao to help guard the opposition candidates' votes particularly those of his son and senatorial candidate Jinggoy.

Estrada admitted talking to Nazareno but insisted they discussed nothing illegal.

"The (latter part of the tape) show the kind of people they really are. After a person has served their purpose according to their interests, he'd just be eased out," Singson said, referring to an alleged destabilization plot contained in the latter part of the tape.

Erap, Ping denials

On that part of the tape, Estrada was supposedly talking with a person reporting about a plan hatched with Sen. Panfilo Lacson to oust a certain "Pandak," presumed to be Ms Arroyo, and a certain "Tanda" getting sick after he has already been used for their interests.

Both Estrada and Lacson have denied involvement in any such plot. They said they were not in speaking terms at the time of the campaign and shortly after the elections because of Lacson's decision to pursue his presidential bid despite Estrada's endorsement of Fernando Poe Jr. as opposition standard-bearer in the 2004 elections.

"That was during the elections. This part of the tape was when the election is already over and they already lost," Singson said. "They were already talking to each other at that time," he added.

In Malacañang, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye urged Congress to give the X-tapes the same treatment and exposure it gave to the "Hello Garci" tapes.

"They should apply the same standards that they used in receiving the tapes regarding the President," said Bunye in an interview with dzXL radio.

Bunye had previously questioned Congress' move to investigate the "Hello Garci" tape – which contained a conversation between Ms Arroyo and Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano supposedly about rigging last year's election results – because it was obtained illegally and was worthless as evidence just like the "X-tape."

Malacañang also distanced itself from the "X-tape" amid speculations it was released to take the heat off the "Hello Garci" tape.

"We have no official stand on that. First, that is the independent action of Mr. Singson and we leave everything to the authorities," Bunye said.

Chavit fights Erap in another front

ILOCOS Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson, fighting his estranged friend Joseph Estrada in all fronts, has laughed off "continuing efforts" by the defense in the Estrada plunder trial to impugn his testimony that led to the filing of the impeachment case against the ousted President.

In the Sandiganbayan hearing this week, the legal division chief of the Traffic Management Group testified for the defense and said that, contrary to Singson's claim of a failed ambush in October 2000, police stopped the governor's car for "running a red light" early in the morning on United Nations Avenue and San Marcelino Street, the corner where the Western Police District has its headquarters.

"How could my driver have run through a red light when there was no more functioning traffic lights at that hour? That is why when I asked why we were stopped, the policemen who flagged us down did not know what to say. *Natataranta sila*. Then I saw an unmarked red car filled with civilians with long firearms behind police cars. This made me suspicious so I refused to get down from my vehicle. I said this earlier in my testimony leading to Estrada's impeachment trial. It's all in the record and they can neither impugn that testimony nor destroy my credibility," Singson said in a press statement.

Singson noted that the defense witness, Chief Insp. Joseph Quian, was not among the policemen who stopped his vehicle. "He was not there, so everything he's saying is hearsay," he said.

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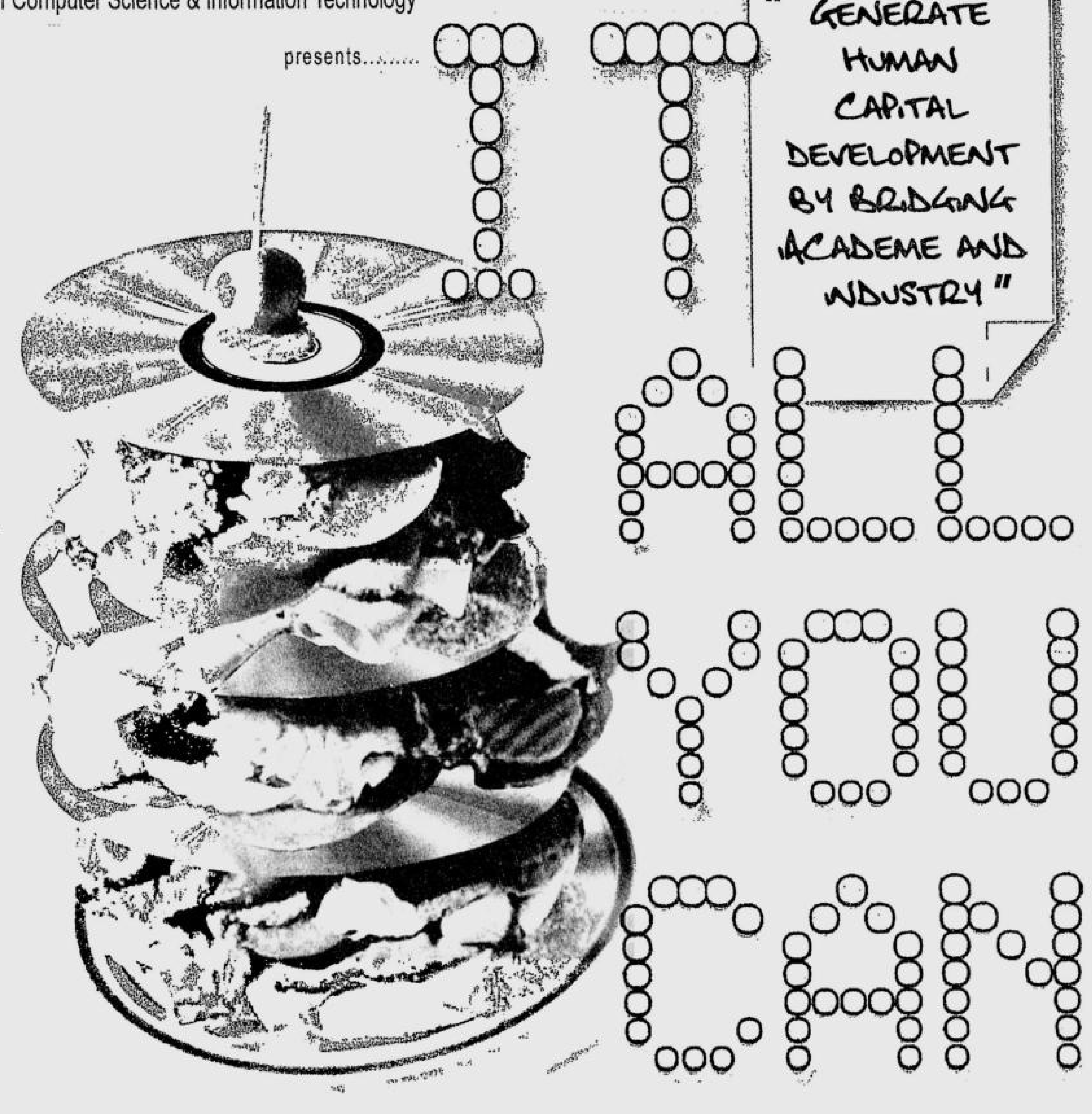
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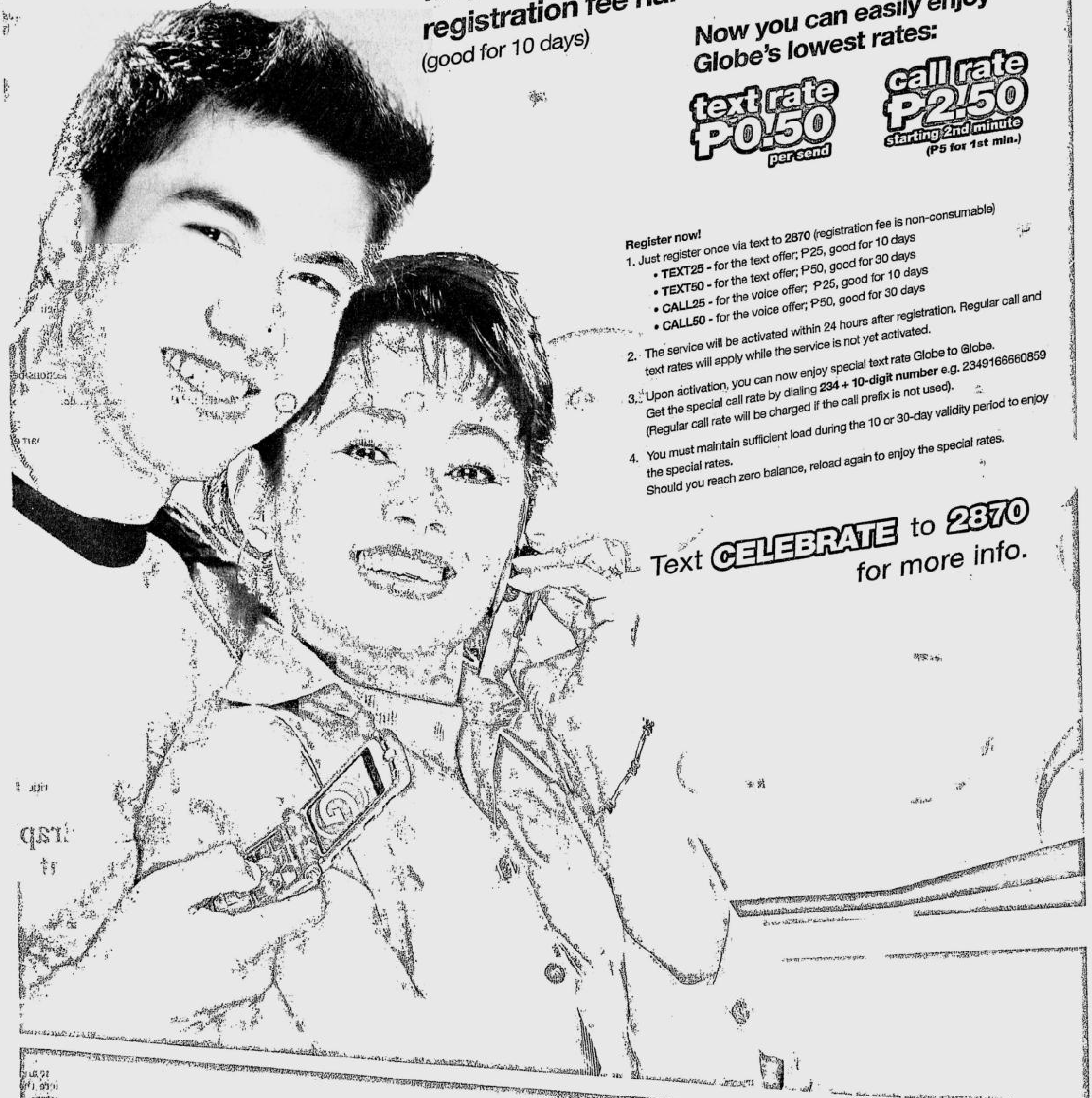

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SWS, Pulse Asia surveys challenged

By Gil Cabacungan Jr. and Philip C. Tubeza

SAYING that Metro Manila is not the Philippines, Palace officials and administration lawmakers yesterday dared private polling firms Social Weather Stations and Pulse Asia to conduct surveys outside Metro Manila, specifically in President Macapagal-Arroyo's bailiwicks, to determine the true sentiments of the people.

"No Philippine President has gotten a good rating in Metro Manila because people here are naturally averse because they are more exposed to mass media where the views of those against the President are dominant," said Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita in a statement.

Ermita cited the large number of newspapers and their strong influence in Metro Manila and castigated them for heeding the "bad news is good news" policy. "They (media) do nothing but bring to the public any wrong-doing of the President," Ermita said.

Malacañang was stung by the latest surveys of SWS and Pulse Asia which showed that three out of five Filipinos in Metro Manila believe that the President should resign because of the "jueteng" payoff scandal involving her family and her admission of "lapse in judgment" in the "Hello Garci" tape.

Surveys in other urban centers

"Why won't they conduct surveys in Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, Cebu, Davao and the whole of Mindanao including ARMM (Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao) to show the big difference between the surveys in Metro Manila and other urban centers in the Philippines," Ermita said.

In the 2004 elections, Ms Arroyo was trounced in Metro Manila by her chief rival the late Fernando Poe Jr.

Based on the official Comelec canvass, Ms Arroyo won in 44 provinces and cities while FPJ won in 54 provinces and cities. Ms Arroyo won only in Las Piñas in Metro Manila and in 11 of the 39 provinces and cities in Luzon. She won overwhelmingly in the Visayas, getting 15 out of 17 provinces and cities and won in 17 out of 29 provinces and cities in Mindanao.

"I think the reason why she (the President) has a strong resolve not to step down as President is because she got a winning margin of 1.1 million votes last year which came largely from the Visayas and Mindanao," said Ermita. "The President lost in Metro Manila which explains survey results here."

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye claimed that people in the Visayas and Mindanao feel bad that the private polling firms only conduct surveys in Metro Manila. "That is the challenge of those outside Metro Manila," Bunye said.

Administration lawmakers likewise criticized the polling firms for conducting polls only in Metro Manila and not in the provinces considered to be her bailiwicks.

Reps. Lorna Silverio (Lakas, Bulacan), and Anthony Miranda (Kampi, Isabela), said the surveys were "obviously biased" since they were conducted only in the capital and warned that they were being used as propaganda tools by the opposition.

They urged the pollsters to stop singling out Metro Manila in their surveys since the region "represents only a fraction of the entire country."

"What's the point of limiting the geographical coverage of the surveys to Metro Manila where the President lost in the elections? They should also survey the people in Cebu, Iloilo, Pampanga where the President overwhelmingly won," she said.

Silverio said a nationwide survey will belie the poll results in Metro Manila.

The latest SWS phone survey showed that 62 percent of Metro Manila residents believe the President should resign while 85 percent wanted her impeached.

Eastern Samar Governor Ben Evardone, spokesperson of the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP), said the firms must put a stop to their weekly surveys centered in Metro Manila.

RP, US ink pact on nuke detection

THE UNITED States and Philippine governments will sign on Tuesday an agreement to install special equipment at the Port of Manila to deter and detect illicit shipments of nuclear and other radioactive material.

US Embassy Charge d'Affaires Joseph Mussomeli will sign the agreement on behalf of the US Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) with Science and Technology Secretary Estrella Alabastro.

The agreement will be implemented under the DOE/NNSA's Megaports Initiative, which supports foreign countries in deploying radiation capability at key seaports to screen cargo containers for nuclear and other radioactive materials.

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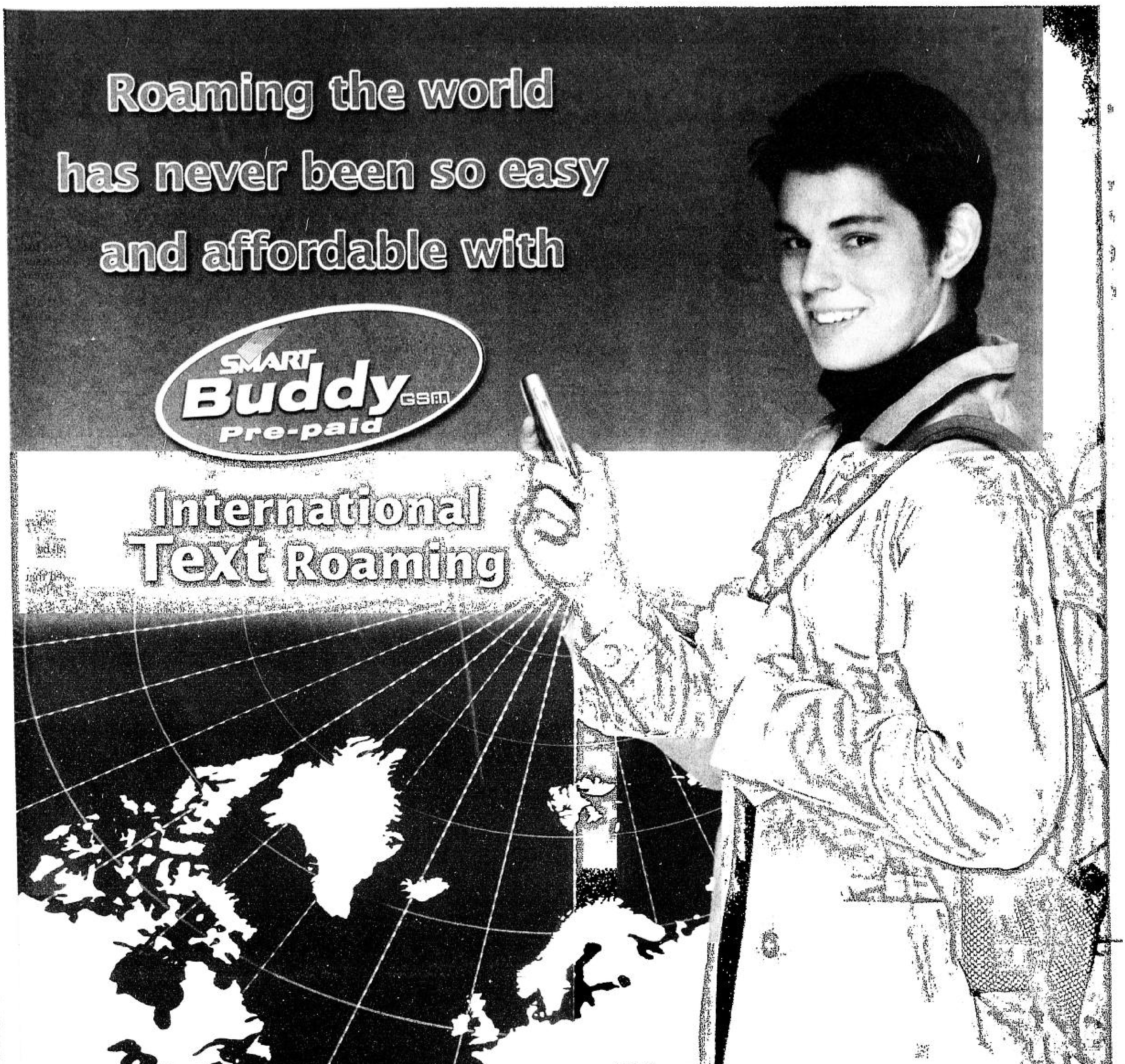
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Defense chief denies he's moving to DOJ

By Dona Pazzibugan

CRUZ: Staying put?

GONZALES: Zealous defender in peril

DEFENSE Secretary Avelino Cruz Jr. has asserted he will continue to hold his post, at the same time debunking speculations he will be taking over the justice portfolio.

"That's not true. I will be remaining at the Department of National Defense," Cruz said Friday, reacting to talks of new movements in the Cabinet.

Talks had also put zealous administration defender Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez in peril following the storm of protest provoked by his attack on former President Corazon Aquino, who has called on President Macapagal-Arroyo to resign.

The talkative Gonzalez had suggested that Aquino should mind the affairs of her daughter Kris, noted for her numerous lovers, before taking on affairs of the state. While Gonzalez had apologized for his remarks, rumors spread through text messages said he was on the way out.

A former senior partner in a law firm reputed to be close to the First Family, Cruz was named chief presidential legal counsel when Ms Macapagal assumed office in January 2001.

His appointment as defense chief in August last year came as a surprise because he had no known military background. Cruz replaced Eduardo Ermita, who assumed the post of executive secretary.

The President announced on July 7 that she had asked her entire Cabinet to resign, preempting the resignation of 10 Cabinet members and Cabinet-ranked officials who the next day publicly called for her resignation. Defense sources could not say if Cruz, like the rest of the remaining Cabinet members, submitted a courtesy resignation.

Press reports said Cruz was among the group of Cabinet members who asked the President to admit that she called up a Comelec official during last year's vote counting and to apologize to the nation.

But Cruz did not join the 10 Cabinet members, who included key economic advisers, in issuing a statement saying the President had lost her "ability to govern."

Cruz said he was positive the military would not turn against the President despite allegations she cheated in the elections. "Never again will the soldier be used to advance the self-serving agenda of anyone," Cruz said.

Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Efren Abu has also said certain groups who want the military to withdraw support from the President will be disappointed.

"Even if (all) the 85 million Filipinos gather in Edsa, the Armed Forces will remain apolitical," Abu declared last Friday, even as rumored restiveness in the military persisted.

Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, a former armed forces chief, had said several junior officers and even some generals had threatened to resign or go on mass leave unless top military officials implicated in the "Hello Garci" tapes underwent investigation.

But the top brass has dismissed the need an investigation, saying there is "no basis" for saying military officials were involved or that there was cheating in Mindanao in the last elections.

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Oil firms raise prices again

By Abigail L. Ho

LOCAL oil firms, led by refiner Pilipinas Shell and Petron raised gasoline, diesel and kerosene prices by 50 centavos a liter as world oil prices continue to surge.

Shell jacked up fuel pump prices at 10 p.m. Friday, followed by Caltex Philippines Inc. and Unioil Petroleum Philippines Inc. at 6 a.m. yesterday.

At noon yesterday, Total (Philippines) Corp. and Eastern Petroleum Corp. also adjusted their prices by the same levels. Flying V and Seaoil Petroleum Corp. followed at 12:01 a.m. today.

Petron announced the same increase effective 12:01 a.m. today.

The oil firms all cited escalating world oil prices as the reason for their price hikes.

According to data from the Department of Energy, the regional benchmark Dubai crude surged to a July average of $55.25 a barrel, up by more than $4 from the June average of $51.08 a barrel.

The price of unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products also soared to a July 1-13 average of $64.16 a barrel, almost $5 higher than the $59.65-a-barrel average posted last month.

MOPS-based diesel likewise surged to an average of $74.55 a barrel in the first 13 days of July, more than $4 higher than last month's average of $71.32 a barrel.

Local oil firms hiked fuel prices by 50 centavos a liter just a week ago.

Despite this, Energy Secretary Raphael Lotilla said this latest fuel price increase was "not unreasonable" as world market prices were really skyrocketing.

However, he "continued to call on oil companies to increase only when absolutely necessary and in small increments. The (Department of Energy) warns that any party who takes advantage of the situation will feel the full force of the law."

Since the start of the year, gasoline prices have increased 13 times by a total of P6.85 a liter, while diesel fuel prices have risen 14 times by a total of P7.05 a liter.

Premium unleaded gasoline now retails at between P31.05 and P32.80 a liter, diesel at between P28.85 and P30.19 a liter and kerosene at between P30.45 and P31.51 a liter.

Wrongly deported Pinay demanding more money

SYDNEY—A Philippine-born Australian woman who was wrongly deported to Manila after being mistaken for an illegal immigrant said Saturday the prime minister's apology was "nice," but his offer of a six-month compensation package was still not enough.

Vivian Alvarez, who has held dual citizenship since 1986, was deported in July 2001 after she was mistakenly identified as an illegal immigrant, possibly a sex slave, following a serious car crash in which she was left with severe injuries and memory loss.

Alvarez was hospitalized for almost three months following the car accident. She was then held for a week in immigration detention before being deported.

Earlier this week, Prime Minister John Howard issued public apologies to Alvarez and German-born Australian resident Cornelia Rau, who was held for 10 months in a high-security detention center on suspicion of being an illegal immigrant.

Australia has offered Alvarez a lump-sum resettlement payment, plus six months each of free medical and health care, free accommodation and financial support for a family member in Australia.

But in a statement released Saturday by her lawyer, George Newhouse, Alvarez said the apology "sounds nice" but added she was concerned about what would happen after the compensation package ran out.

Howard's apology followed the release of a government report calling for an overhaul of the nation's immigration department in the wake of the Alvarez and Rau incidents.

Alvarez, 42, was tracked down by reporters to a hospice outside Manila in May after news of her illegal deportation became public.

Her children are in Australia but she remains in Manila while her lawyers negotiate terms of compensation with the Australian government.

Earlier this week, Newhouse said immigration officials knew that Alvarez had been wrongly deported three days after she was sent back to Manila, but chose to cover it up. Howard vehemently denied the cover-up claims. *AP*

SSS, GSIS hit on Equitable

CONCERNED workers in the financial services sector and members of two state-run pension funds yesterday questioned why the Government Service and Insurance System and Social Security System were involving themselves in "predatory corporate maneuvers in the private sector," in connection with the Equitable PCI Bank corporate infighting.

The GSIS and the SSS owned a combined 40 percent share in the EPCIB, the country's third largest bank.

The Coordinating Alliance for Reform and Empowerment in the Financial Services Sector (CARE-Financial) and the Philippine Association of Retired Persons (PARP) said in a statement they were watching the upcoming board elections of the EPCIB on July 19 because of what will happen to the pension funds' shares.

The two groups allege that the GSIS and the SSS were colluding to sell the bank to the Banco de Oro universal bank of the Sy family.

"We are concerned that GSIS and SSS shares will be sold to BDO at the same basement prices as before. This would certainly mean the loss of billions for the pension funds and jobs for thousands of workers and employees in the banking sector, especially at EPCIB," said Art Amon, CARE-Financial legal counsel and spokesperson, in a statement.

He said the GSIS and SSS had no business delivering the pension funds' shares to BDO and the Sy family without proper disclosure and consultation with their members.

In a separate statement, E.P. Dakanay Jr., president of the PARP's national executive board said, the group was concerned about the forthcoming elections on Tuesday because SSS and GSIS management had made investment decisions in the past that have placed their members' interest in jeopardy.

An attempt by BDO last year to buy the pension funds' EPCIB shares failed after the deal was denounced as a "bargain basement sale" by PARP and opposition Sen. Sergio Osmeña III, among others.

"The duty and responsibility of our pension fund administrators is to protect the interest of the members, especially the retirees who are dependent on their pensions for their daily sustenance," Amon said.

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Joker to Congress: Who's minding the store?

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

WITH Congress likely to be preoccupied with moves to impeach President Macapagal-Arroyo and amend the Constitution, the country may again end up with no new budget next year, Sen. Joker Arroyo warned yesterday.

"Nobody is minding the store," Arroyo lamented as he refused to state his position on the filing of an impeachment complaint against Ms Arroyo.

Arroyo said that a week from now, Ms Arroyo would deliver her State of the Nation Address which will state her legislative agenda and contain her budget message to Congress.

It has been the practice, he recalled, that after the address the President submits to Congress the proposed budget for the incoming year for approval by the two houses not later than December. The House will initiate the approval of the budget and send it to the Senate for concurrence.

The senator said the previous 12th Congress already failed to enact a new budget for 2004 so the government was forced to operate on the same budget level as 2003. For the 2005 budget, the 13th Congress almost failed to enact a new appropriations bill until the last minute when the Senate suddenly adopted the House version ostensibly to prevent an increase in the pork barrel allocations for legislators.

Arroyo said a reenacted budget favors the President because she gets less restrictions on the realignment of funds. Ideally, the so-called power of the purse belongs to Congress.

"But then comes the forthcoming impeachment proceedings against President Arroyo," said Arroyo, who has been dubbed a maverick administration senator.

Like the budget, impeachment must be initiated in the House.

"Thus we have this forbidding picture, both constitutionally mandated, both to be initiated by the House – one the budget and the other the impeachment," Arroyo said.

He said the national budget is topnotch priority because the government could not operate without it. Budget-making is the most important legislation Congress has to attend to, he said.

But Arroyo said the House is riveted to the impeachment or investigation of the President which is "in everyone's lips." He said majority of the people have accepted that Ms Arroyo must face impeachment proceedings.

He said the House is placed in a dilemma as to whether these could be undertaken simultaneously.

Arroyo pointed out that aside from the tedious budget appropriations, the President has a budget secretary – Romulo Neri – who is entirely new to the budget department.

"If the House gives priority to to the budget, the people will be outraged. If it gives priority to the impeachment, our creditors and rating agencies will give us hell," Arroyo said.

Arroyo said the majority and the minority in the House must at least forge a modus vivendi in favor of the budget but conceded this may be anybody's guess given the present political climate.

But what compounds the problem, he said, is the third element which is constitutional amendment which former President Ramos and Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. are proposing as a graceful exit for Ms Arroyo whose hold on power has been shaken by allegations that she rigged the 2004 election and that her family is on the take in jueteng.

Arroyo said the constitutional amendment is extremely popular with lawmakers because of the opportunity it has for extending their terms of office.

He said Cha-cha would also take up much time of lawmakers "because of its inherent personal appeal."

"So what will it be and which would be on deck – the 2006 budget, the impeachment or cha-cha. Take your pick," Arroyo said.

ARROYO

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, July 17, 2005
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

God is patient

There is no other god besides you, one who cares for everyone, who could ask you to justify your judgments; there is no other king or sovereign who could confront you and support those you punish.

Your strength is the source of your justice and because you are the Lord of all, you can be merciful to everyone.

To those who doubt your sovereign power you show your strength and you confound the insolence of those who ignore it. But you, the Lord of strength, judge with prudence and govern us with great patience, because you are able to do anything at the time you want.

In this way you have taught your people that a righteous person must love his human fellows; you have also given your people cause for hope by prompting them to repent of their sin.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27

The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness

Brothers and sisters, we are weak, but the Spirit comes to help us. How to ask? And what shall we ask for? We do not know, but the spirit intercedes for us without words, as if with groans. And He who sees inner secrets knows the desires of the Spirit, for he asks for the holy ones what is pleasing to God.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

God separates the good from the bad

Jesus told them another parable, "The kingdom of heaven can be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and left.

When the plants sprouted and produced grain, the weeds also appeared. Then the servants of the owner came to him and said: 'Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?'

He answered them: 'This is the work of an enemy.' They asked him: 'Do you want us to go and pull up the weeds?' He told them: 'No, when you pull up the weeds, you might uproot the wheat with them. Let them just grow together until harvest; and at harvest time I will say to the workers: Pull up the weeds first, tie them in bundles and burn them; then gather the wheat into my barn."

Jesus put another parable before them, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, that a man took and sowed in his field.

It is smaller than all other seeds, but once it has fully grown, it is bigger than any garden plant; like a tree, the birds come and rest in its branches."

He told them another parable, "The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast that a woman took and buried in three measures of flour until the whole mass of dough began to rise."

Jesus taught all this to the crowds by means of parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So what the Prophet had said was fulfilled: I will speak in parables. I will proclaim things kept secret since the beginning of the world.

Then he sent the crowds away and went into the house. And his disciples came to him saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." Jesus answered them, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed are the people of the Kingdom; the weeds are those who follow the evil one. The enemy who sows them is the devil; the harvest is the end of time and the workers are the angels.

Just as the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so will it be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom all that is scandalous and all who do evil. And these will be thrown in the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the just will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. If you have ears, then hear.

Commentary

Jesus tells stories about what he is doing and the response of people: a man sows good seed (the Word of God) in a field and while everyone sleeps, an enemy comes and sows weed among the wheat and leaves. They come up together and the servants want to rip out the weeds. They are stopped—they are allowed to grow together until the harvest when the weeds are taken out and burned and the grain harvested. This is the way of the world and we must live together in the field. But the Word of the Kingdom is like a mustard seed—tiny but potent and it grows into a small tree and the birds of the air find rest and shelter in its branches—the kingdom is uncontrollable and the poor of the world will find sanctuary in its tree of life. A woman (God) buries yeast in massive amounts of flour and with hard work of the Spirit and believers the mess rises! Bread for the world—justice, hope, and sharing of resources. Parables are stories with infinite meanings. Jesus is the parable of God, a rich source of knowledge about God.

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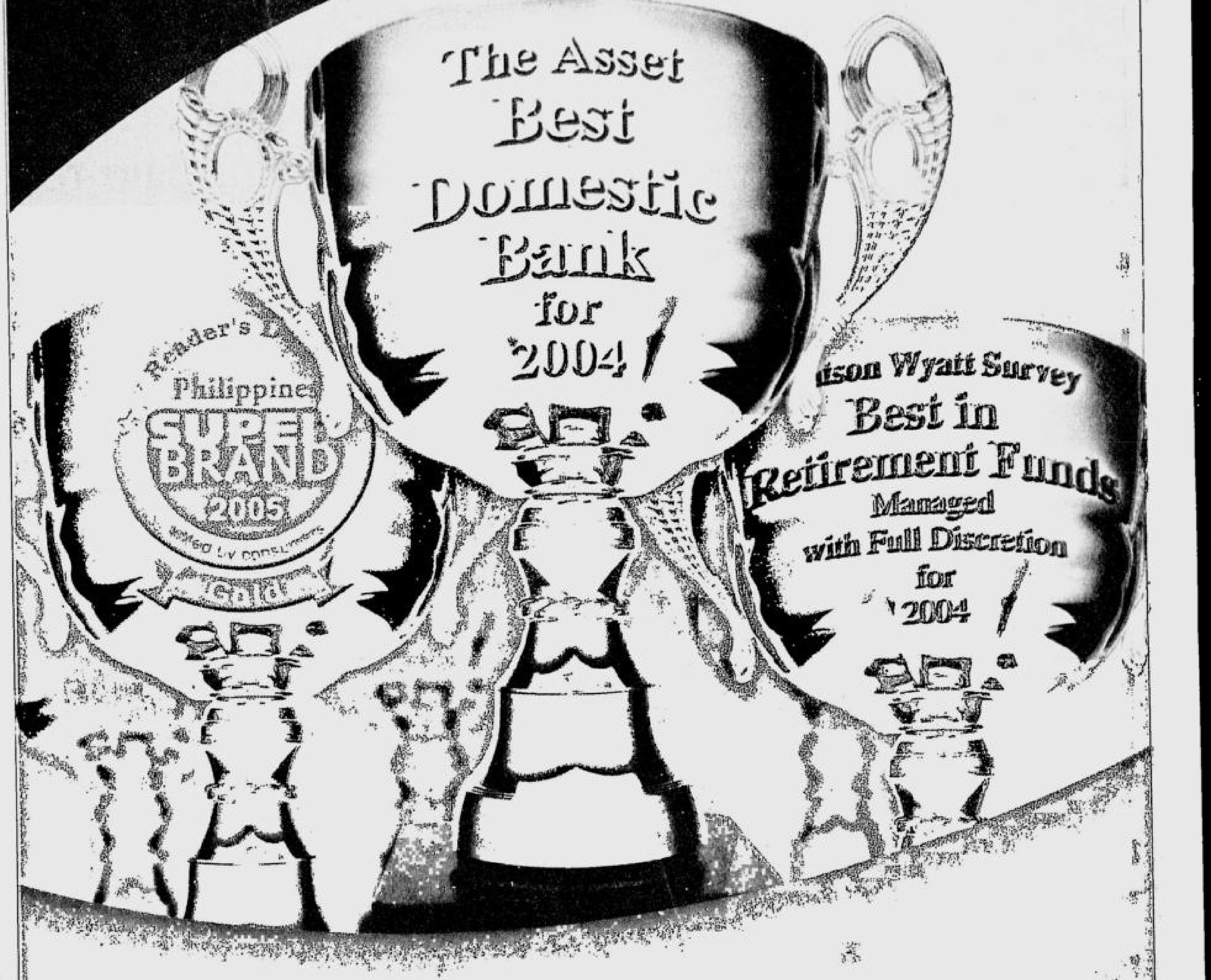

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The WORLD

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10 suicide car bombings kill 25 in Iraq

BAGHDAD—Iraqi police tightened their grip on Baghdad on Saturday, a day after 10 suicide car bombings scarred the city, but insurgents struck again in southeast Iraq, killing three British soldiers.

Tense officers manned extra police checkpoints throughout the capital, Reuters journalists and drivers reported, after a series of blasts al-Qaida described as an offensive to seize control of the city.

The campaign of attacks from Friday morning until after dark, struck US and Iraqi military and police targets at all points of the compass.

Police said at least 25 people were killed, mostly Iraqi troops, and more than 100 wounded, even though streets were mostly quiet for the Muslim week's holy day.

Al-Qaida's Iraq wing, led by Jordanian Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, boasted that the attacks had given it control of the capital, but there was no sign of militants in the streets.

"Through the day and the night, Baghdad rang with the music of the mujahideen's bullets and the prayers of the martyrs," it said in an Internet statement.

"Our mujahideen now control the streets," it said. "Our sheikh Abu Musab has urged us to intensify our attacks until America is defeated… and we will continue in our jihad."

In Amara in southeast Iraq, three British soldiers were killed in what the Ministry of Defence in London said was a suspected roadside bomb.

Friday's 10 suicide car bombs followed a thwarted triple suicide attack at a gate to Baghdad's fortified Green Zone government compound on Thursday. A suicide car bomb on Wednesday near a US patrol killed 27 people, mostly Iraqi children.

Suicide bombs, orchestrated by groups of mainly foreigners like Zarqawi's, have increased sharply since the Shiite- and Kurdish-led government took power in April.

US generals have said the situation is improving. But Friday's 10 bombs in a day in Baghdad compares with just six countrywide for the entire previous week, a figure a US spokesperson had said was the lowest in 11 weeks.

In Samarra, in the central Sunni heartland, locals reported that US troops and Iraqi police had imposed a curfew, ordering residents to stay in their homes after two civilians were killed by gunmen outside a US base.

On the diplomatic front, Iraqi's Prime Minister Ibrahim Jaafari was due to arrive in Iran for the first visit in decades by a leader of Iraq to its Shiite neighbor and former mortal foe.

Jaafari's trip is seen as a historic opportunity to mend ties with a country that Iraq fought for a decade under Saddam Hussein. But too quick a rapprochement risks alienating both the United States and Iraq's Sunni Arabs, who are suspicious of Jaafari's Shiite-led government's ties to Shiite Iran.

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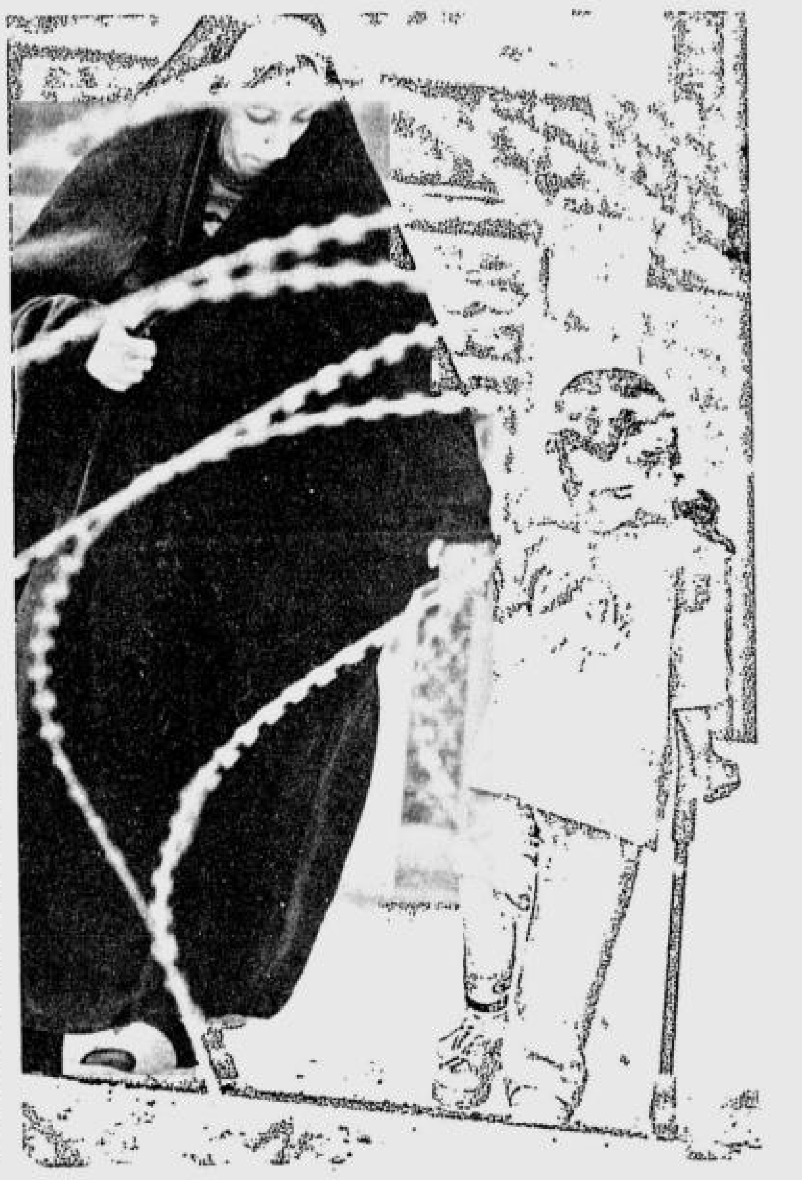

FIVE-year-old Hanin Ateyah (right) tries out her new prosthetic leg with her mother in Baghdad July 3. Hanin was hit by shrapnel when war planes started bombing Baghdad's Sadr city almost two years ago and doctors had to cut off part of her leg to save her life. Experts say Iraq has the largest population of amputees after Afghanistan, Cambodia and Angola. REUTERS

US probes deaths of patients using pain-relieving patches

WASHINGTON—US regulators are investigating reports of deaths of patients who were using pain-relieving patches that contain the narcotic fentanyl, the Food and Drug Administration said on Friday.

Johnson & Johnson sells fentanyl patches under the brand name Duragesic, and Mylan Laboratories Inc. markets a generic version.

The FDA said it was "conducting an investigation into the deaths associated with these patches." Officials issued an alert advising the public to follow directions for use exactly to avoid a potentially fatal overdose.

"The agency has been examining the circumstances of product use to determine if the reported adverse events may be related to inappropriate use of the patch or factors related to the quality of the product," the FDA said in a statement.

Johnson & Johnson told doctors in June it was adding warnings to the Duragesic label about the potential for abuse and misuse of the product.

"We're not aware of any specific quality issues at this time" related to the Duragesic patch, company spokesperson Kelly McLaughlin said.

A Mylan spokesperson did not return a call seeking comment.

FDA spokesperson Laura Alvey declined to say how many deaths the agency was investigating. "We are still reviewing the information to ascertain if the cause of death was from the fentanyl patch or an underlying disease or condition," she said.

Duragesic and the generic version of the patch are intended for patients with chronic pain who find shorter-acting painkillers inadequate.

Signs of an overdose may include trouble breathing, extreme sleepiness, an inability to think, talk or walk normally, feeling faint, dizziness or confusion. Patients or their caregivers should seek medical attention immediately if those symptoms occur, the FDA said.

Johnson & Johnson's shares gained 43 cents to close at $65.03 on the New York Stock Exchange. Mylan's shares fell 36 cents, or 1.82 percent, to close at $19.40, also on the NYSE.

Reuters

Arnold ends criticized fitness deal

SAN FRANCISCO—California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, facing criticism for receiving millions of dollars for his links to two fitness magazines, said on Friday that he is ending his ties to the publishing group.

Schwarzenegger was to receive at least $13 million over five years for serving as executive editor of Muscle & Fitness and Flex magazines, Reuters reported on Wednesday.

The information in a Security and Exchange Commission filing by publisher American Media Operations prompted wide media attention and criticism about a perceived conflict of interest.

"When I became governor I pledged to put the people of California front and center," he said in a statement. "I don't want there to be any question or doubt that the people have my full devotion."

"Therefore, effective today I will relinquish my title as executive editor and forego any compensation from the magazines."

The statement marks an abrupt reversal for Schwarzenegger, whose spokesperson strongly defended the magazine deal on Wednesday saying: "My reply is so what, what's the harm?"

The American Media deal had the former Mr. Olympia receiving $8.15 million over five years for serving as executive editor of the two magazines. In addition, his firm, Oak Productions, was to receive 1 percent of its net print advertising revenues, with a minimum payment of $1 million a year.

Critics pointed to Schwarzenegger's veto of a nutritional supplements bill last year as an area where the arrangement constituted a conflict of interest. Fitness magazines draw much of their advertising revenues from such supplements.

The author of the bill, state Sen. Jackie Speier, welcomed Schwarzenegger's move.

"Yesterday I asked the governor to make the right decision about his financial contract with American Media. Regardless of the legality of the contract, it was time for him to be a leader and to sever the contract. I am pleased that he has acted appropriately," Speier said in a statement.

In his statement, Schwarzenegger cited his long links to the magazines, which played a key role in transforming a little known Austrian into one of the world's best-known people.

"For more than 35 years I have had an extraordinarily close personal and business relationship with Weider Publications," he said. "Given that bodybuilding and fitness have been central to my life, I saw no reason to discontinue that relationship when the franchise was sold in 2003."

SCHWARZENEGGER in 1977 AFP

Schwarzenegger become governor that year as well.

American Media bought Weider Publications, which had been owned by Schwarzenegger's mentor Joe Weider, for $357 million.

A company spokesperson did not return calls for comment.

Analysts said Schwarzenegger wisely backed away from the magazine contract because they gave an opening to opponents ahead of a special November election he called in a bid to reshape California's government with ballot measures.

"It's just the sort of thing that takes you down two points in the polls, which he can ill afford," union lobbyist Barry Broad said.

The Field Poll last month reported his approval rating among registered voters stood at 37 percent, which analysts said casts doubt over whether he can win in November.

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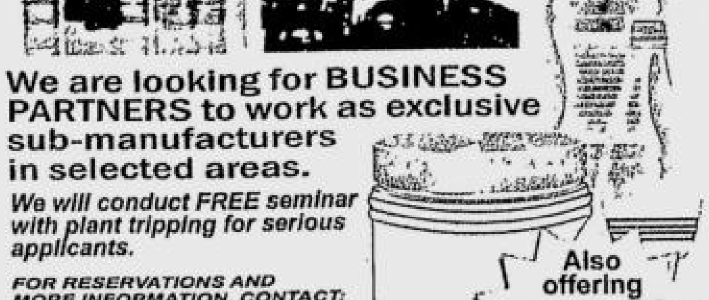

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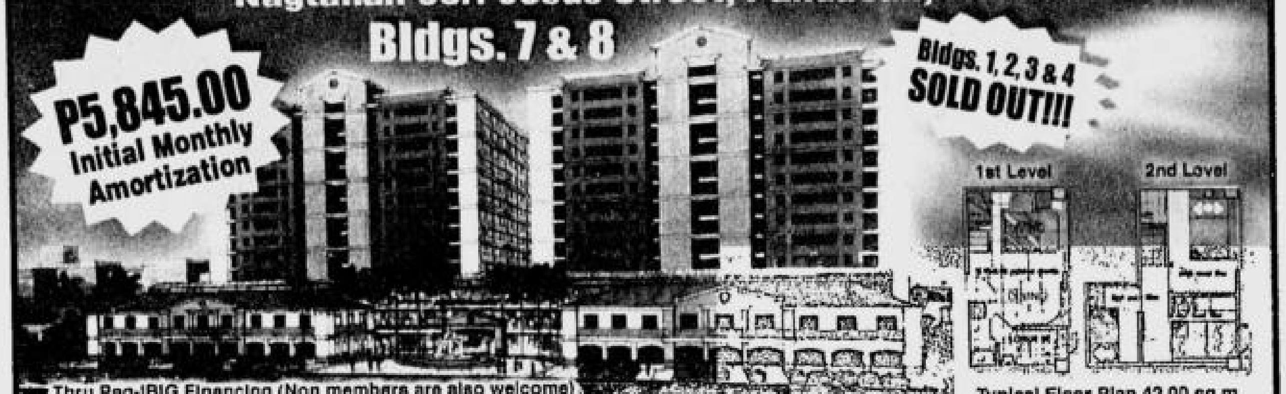
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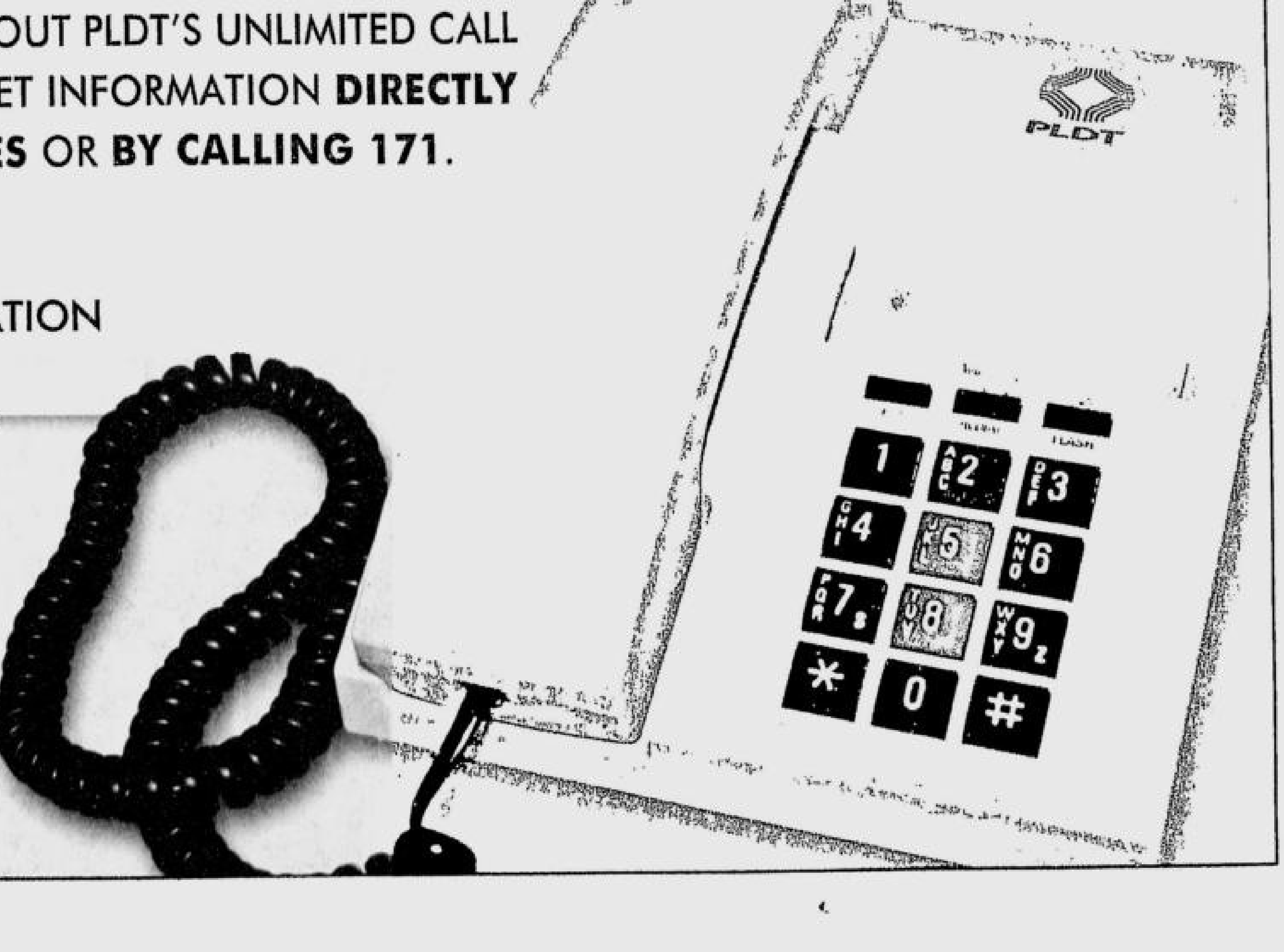

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Suspected London-attack bomb maker jailed

LEEDS, England—Police in Cairo detained a biochemist who studied in the United States and taught at a university in Leeds—the home base for at least three of the London bombers. Investigators in Britain raided an Islamic book shop and the Egyptian's home, searching for explosives and other evidence.

In another sign of the investigation's widening global reach, Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Ian Blair said Friday that authorities were trying to determine whether any of the four "foot soldiers"—suicide bombers who ranged in age from 18 to 30—had ties with Pakistan-based cells of the al-Qaida terror network.

In an interview with BBC radio, Blair said the inquiry was focusing on the organizers of the four London suicide attacks July 7 and confirmed police were focusing on a Pakistan connection. Three of the bombers—Shahzad Tanweer, Mohammed Sidique Khan and Hasid Hussain—were Britons of Pakistani origin. At least two had traveled to Pakistan.

Pakistani intelligence officials said Friday that authorities in that country were looking into a possible connection between Tanweer and two al-Qaida-linked militant groups, and specifically a man arrested for a 2002 attack on a church near the US Embassy in Islamabad, two senior intelligence officials said.

The suicide bombings had political ramifications at home as well: the British government announced plans Friday to make it a crime to provide or receive training in the use of explosives in new antiterror legislation being considered in the wake of the attack.

Home Office Minister Hazel Blears, in a letter to opposition parties, said the proposed legislation would also outlaw "indirect incitement" of terrorism, including praising those who carry out attacks. The bill will also propose outlawing "acts preparatory to terrorism," she said.

EL-NASHAR

Police on Friday raided a shop called Iqra Learning Center in Beeston, a Leeds neighborhood. The shop appeared to sell Islamic books and DVDs and offer seminars and presentations.

The Learning Center is about 6 km from Egyptian chemist Magdy Mahmoud Mustafa el-Nashar's town house in Leeds, where British news media reported that police found evidence of the explosive TATP inside a bathtub.

TATP was used by shoe bomber Richard Reid, whose attempt to blow up a trans-Atlantic flight from Paris to Miami in December 2001 was thwarted. Reid pleaded guilty to US charges and is serving life in prison.

Egypt's Interior Ministry announced Friday that Egyptian authorities were interrogating el-Nashar, who studied at North Carolina State University and the University of Leeds.

In Cairo, a government official said el-Nashar, 33, was arrested in the Egyptian capital on Sunday or Monday after British officials informed Egypt of their interest in him. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was giving information not in the official ministry announcement.

In London, Blair said British authorities would seek his extradition, if need be, although the two countries do not have an extradition treaty.

A security official in Cairo said Britain was pressuring Egypt to hand el-Nashar over, but that Egypt was trying to determine if there was enough evidence against him to do so. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the information was not authorized for official release.

Britain's Foreign Office had no comment on the security official's statement.

The Egyptian Interior Minister said el-Nashar came to Egypt from London on vacation and had intended to go back to Britain to continue his studies.

"El-Nashar denied having any relation with the latest events in London," the ministry said. "He pointed out (to questioners) that all his belongings remained in his apartment in Britain."

In Leeds, authorities searched el-Nashar's town house in a complex of two-story brown brick apartments. The home was surrounded by blue and white police tape and covered in scaffolding draped in white plastic sheeting. Forensic teams in white coveralls carted out material.

TATP, or triacetone triperoxide, is a highly unstable explosive made from commercially available chemicals. Earlier media reports had suggested the London bombers used military-grade explosives. *AP*

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Israel launches fresh missile strikes in Gaza

GAZA—Israel launched fresh missile strikes in Gaza early on Saturday, a day after it killed six Hamas militants, and vowed to keep targeting gunmen to prevent rocket attacks ahead of its withdrawal from Gaza next month.

The latest air raid injured two Palestinian bystanders and destroyed three workshops in Gaza City and the Khan Younis refugee camp, which the army said was used by Hamas to produce weapons. Palestinians denied weapons were produced there.

Militants hit back on Saturday morning, firing two rockets at the Israeli town of Sderot, near the Gaza Strip. One of the rockets slammed into the courtyard of a house but nobody was hurt, the army said. The other landed in an empty field.

One Israeli woman has been killed and two others wounded in rocket barrages on Israeli towns and villages near Gaza over the past two days. The Israeli army said since Thursday militants have fired 25 rockets and 52 mortars.

The flare-up of violence in Gaza and the West Bank, which began on Tuesday when a Palestinian suicide bomber killed five people in an attack in the coastal town of Netanya, has badly undermined a cessation to hostilities declared by Israel and the Palestinian Authority in February.

It has also raised the prospect of a disruption to Israel's planned pullout of 8,500 settlers from occupied Gaza next month which had stirred new hopes of reviving Middle East peace.

Palestinian Interior Minister Nasser Yousef said the Israeli missile strikes were unjustified and would create more tension.

He added that the Palestinian leadership was trying to salvage the truce which he said no faction had the right to end.

Faced with a collapsing truce, US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arranged an unscheduled visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories next week to "encourage both sides to take appropriate steps to restore order," a spokesperson said.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has said the army would put a stop to rocket barrages and attacks by Gaza militants ahead of the withdrawal which is scheduled to begin in mid-August with the evacuation of all 21 settlements in Gaza.

Israeli military officials have said in the past they would carry out wide-scale raids and possibly reoccupy Palestinian areas near the settlements due to be evacuated to prevent the withdrawal from taking place under fire.

Israel massed several military vehicles around Gaza late on Friday and news reports quoted security sources as saying the Jewish state might raid militant strongholds in the area in the coming days to try to stop rocket launchers.

"The pullout cannot commence under fire," Sharon told Channel 2 television in an interview on Friday night. *Reuters*

China distances self from 'nuke' general, but stays firm on Taiwan

BEIJING—Remarks by a Chinese general that Beijing could use nuclear arms against the United States in a war over Taiwan were his personal views, but China will never allow Taiwan to be independent, China's Foreign Ministry said.

"We will firmly abide by the principles of peaceful reunification and 'one country two systems' and we will express the deepest sincerity and exert the greatest efforts to realize peaceful reunification," state-mouthpiece Xinhua news agency reported a ministry spokesperson as saying late on Friday.

But he added: "We will never tolerate 'Taiwan Independence,' neither will we allow anybody with any means to separate Taiwan from the motherland."

The Financial Times reported on Friday that Zhu Chenghu, a general in the People's Liberation Army, said China would have no option but to go nuclear in the event of an attack over the contentious Taiwan issue.

Zhu had told reporters visiting from Hong Kong he was expressing his own views and did not anticipate a conflict with Washington, it said.

Nevertheless, a US State Department spokesperson called the remarks irresponsible.

Beijing considers Taiwan, split politically from the mainland since 1949, a part of China and has vowed to bring it back into the fold. In March, China passed an antisecession law authorizing the use of "non-peaceful means" to do so. *Reuters*

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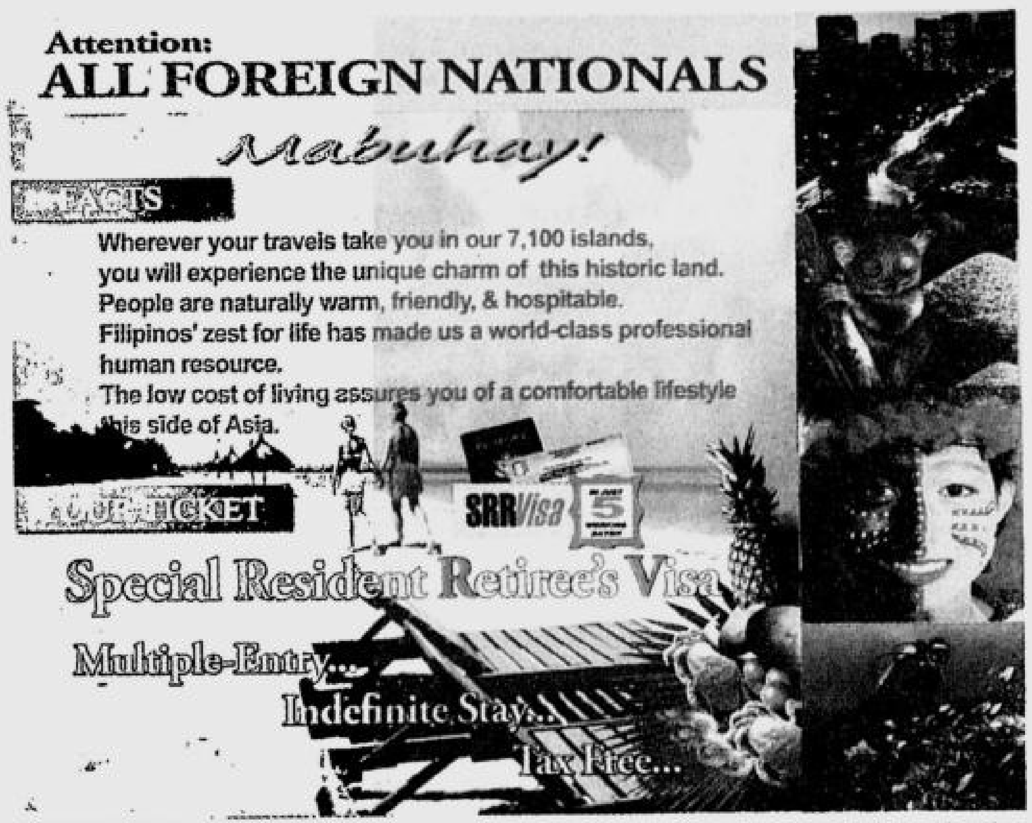

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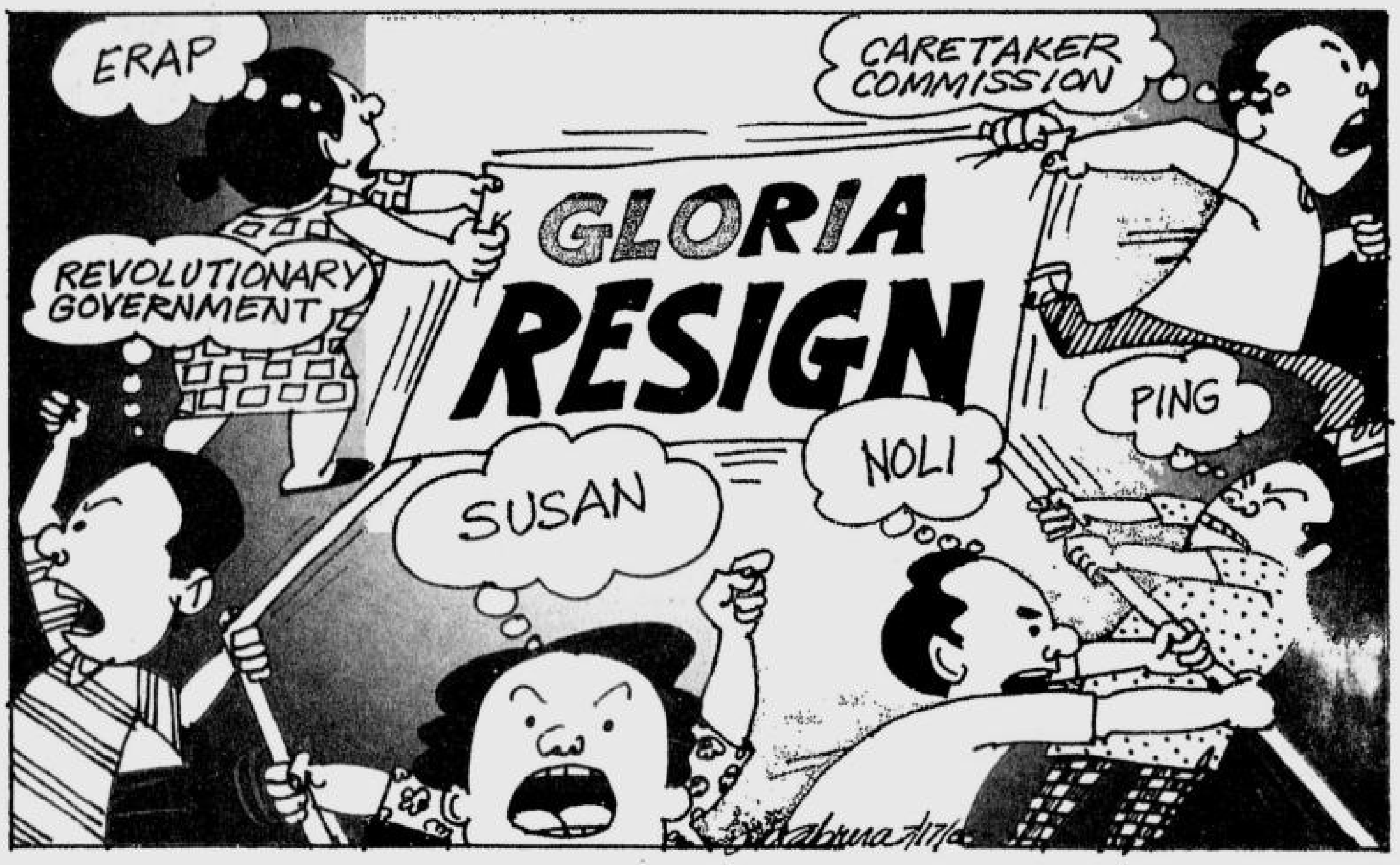

EDITORIALS

Contempt

THE MELODRAMATIC outburst Francisco Chavez gave vent to in last week's *jueteng* hearings was not only a political stunt; it was also an attack on the conventions that make congressional investigations possible. The Senate should cite him for contempt.

Once a solicitor general and twice a failed Senate candidate, Chavez could not keep himself and his politics in check when administration Sen. Richard Gordon subjected his client, confessed jueteng bagwoman Sandra Cam, to a series of uncomfortable questions.

Chavez stood up to protest, wagging a finger at Gordon. "Your honor, we are not a monarchy here," he shouted at one point. When Gordon asked the co-chair of the hearing, Sen. Manuel Villar, if he could cite Chavez for contempt, the anti-administration lawyer thundered: "I would rather be declared in contempt of the Senate than be declared in contempt of justice, Mr. Senator Gordon."

Did Chavez in fact have reason to speak out of turn and shout at Gordon? That's like asking whether Cam should be treated differently from other witnesses.

Gordon's questioning of Cam was very much like, say, opposition Sen. Sergio Osmeña III's questioning of ex-police general Restituto Mosqueda: polite, but not painless, and extremely pointed. A shifty, slippery Mosqueda had been subjected to worse: Sen. Jinggoy Estrada badgered him, and Sen. Jamby Madrigal dismissed him, to his face, as the worst kind of amnesiac (the convenient, thus the lying, kind).

Chavez had on occasion intervened in the hearings, even when his client was not under questioning, to raise a rule of procedure or a point of law. If he had taken the next step and defended someone else's right to be protected from incriminating questions, his outburst last Tuesday would at least have had the virtue of consistency.

But he exploded only when his client got the short end of the same stick that opposition senators had used. "[Gordon's] pattern of questioning was meant to create distrust in my client," he told reporters after the hearing was suspended. This was an amazing declaration, made as if he had been asleep the entire time other senators asked other witnesses character-testing questions.

If his client had been asked unfair questions, he could have made an effective interjection by reminding the questioner about the fundamentals of fair play or by raising a point of law. Instead, he pulled a stunt, shifting the public's attention from his client's less than satisfactory answers to his own protestations. He may have thought that he was protecting his client, but in truth he did her a disservice. He put her answers under a cloud of suspicion.

Congressional investigations based on personal testimony must not only verify what the witness said but also discover who the witness really is. In cases where the resource person is a polluted source, the burden on the legislature to establish both the what and the who is even greater. The role of counsel in such investigations is not only to protect the client's rights; it is also to help the investigating committee determine the truth.

It is time to remind Chavez of that.

Contemptible

JUSTICE Secretary Raul Gonzalez did not have a single outburst; instead, offensive remarks have dribbled out of him on an almost daily basis.

The last one involved an unfair dig at former President Corazon Aquino, after the widow of the assassinated martyr Ninoy Aquino called on President Macapagal-Arroyo to resign.

He tried to dismiss the Edsa icon's call by drawing a false equivalence between Aquino's interference in affairs of state and her involvement in her celebrity daughter's affairs of the heart. "She should first take care of her daughter," Gonzalez told reporters. And then again: "I think there is no need to monitor Cory Aquino because she's also busy monitoring her own daughter."

Simple justice doesn't mean you can be unkind to someone today because you were kind to her yesterday. (Gonzalez claims he was responsible for starting Kris Aquino's movie career.)

These remarks are patently unfair. They are demeaning coming from any public servant; coming from the justice secretary, they are downright disqualifying. Maybe, it is time for the President to act on Gonzalez's courtesy resignation.

The sovereign will of the people

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

AS a columnist of a responsible newspaper, I cannot be a fence-sitter on the serious issues confronting our country. I must state my position on the dispute now gripping the nation, for the information at least of my readers who may or may not agree with me as they choose. For whatever it may be worth, therefore, here is my categorical stand on the question of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's fitness to continue as the President of the Philippines.

I will stress that this separate opinion is independent of the official stand of the INQUIRER and may concur or conflict with it. I will not compromise it in any way because, by its own policy, its columnists have full freedom to articulate their views as long as they are not libelous, factually incorrect, tastelessly worded, or ungrammatical. I may also contradict my fellow writers in these opinion pages but they will not mind, I am sure. They know they can also contradict me, consistent with our "liberty to utter and to argue freely, according to conscience, above all liberties."

After carefully considering the pros and cons of the current conflict, I now believe that President Arroyo has forfeited her right to her present position, assuming she was entitled to it in the first place. I do not base this view on the allegation that she manipulated the 2004 presidential election that she stole from Fernando Poe Jr. with the help of the missing "Garci." That is a legal question for the proper authorities to decide. Neither do I fault her for the accusation that she and her family were financial beneficiaries of the *jueteng* lords, for that is a factual question that has yet to be resolved by the Senate investigating committees. She has denied both charges and enjoys the constitutional presumption of innocence against all accusations, valid or not.

But whether these charges are real or only imagined, the fact is that they have irremediably impaired Ms Arroyo's credibility, which is a trait imperatively required of the highest official in the land. The evidence so far submitted against her is not trivial or superficial. Although some of it may be legally inadmissible, it is nevertheless of such persuasive character as to lead the ordinary citizens to believe, applying their own layman's sense of justice, that she is accountable for the offenses imputed to her. Back of their minds is the memory of her sworn promise in 2003 that she would not run in the next presidential election; but did. That perfidy, among her other inconsistent avowals, casts doubt on her present denials of the serious accusations against her.

This doubt is shared by many people and not only by those in the political opposition, whose motives are hardly acceptable because of their previous record of insolent self-motivation. It is easy to see that they only seek to regain their abused power and to use Susan Roces for this purpose. The embittered widow of the late Fernando Poe Jr. represents the mass of Filipinos from all walks of life who are disappointed, disenchanted, and feel deceived by the leadership of Ms Arroyo. They are the conscientious citizens desirous only of honest and competent government who want her to discontinue what they call her inefficient and fraudulent regime.

Included in this movement are respectable figures in our country led by former President Corazon Aquino. Civic societies and business groups have joined hands with institutions of learning and their militant students in urging Ms Arroyo to step down. It is true that communists and other rabble-rousers out to destabilize the government for their own illicit purposes are among those demanding Ms Arroyo's resignation. But they have not detracted from the genuine and overwhelming urgency voiced by the civic-minded masses unswayed by political and other suspect influences for a change in the leadership they no longer trust.

I admit that there are a substantial number who want Ms Arroyo to finish her constitutional term, but most of them support her so they too can remain in office. Foremost among these are the Cabinet members who will automatically lose their jobs if the President resigns and foils their own instinct for self-preservation. Their arguments are self-serving and self-defeating.

The other constitutional alternative is Ms Arroyo's impeachment, which is at the moment a toothless tiger. Unless public opinion drastically changes the political alliances in Congress, it will be difficult to enlist one-third of the House of Representatives to impeach and two-thirds of the Senate to convict her. That is why she herself is defiantly suggesting this process as a convenient if stealthy method for vindicating her tattered reputation.

These are the reasons for my joining the call for the resignation of Ms Arroyo. I hope she will heed it. Her voluntary and selfless renunciation of the Presidency of the Philippines in humble obedience to the will of the sovereign people could be her redeeming grace and virtue. It may create new problems, conceivably, but we should solve them as they arise and not in one fell swoop.

In His time

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a man who said to his wife: "You know, you are beautiful but stupid at the same time." The wife responded: "Yes. God made me beautiful, that's why you got attracted to me. And God made me stupid, that's why I got attracted to you."

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The parable of the wheat and the weeds (Mt. 13, 24-30) best describes the human condition: There is in our midst and in each one of us the presence of the good (wheat) and the bad (weeds). Beauty and stupidity thrive side by side. But it's not a no-win situation. The good news is that, in His time, goodness will triumph over evil. The evildoers will be thrown into the fire, and the righteous will shine like the sun, in time, in His time.

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The parable of the wheat and the weeds also best describes the situation our country is now in. It seems like we are in a no-win situation right now, with different factions standing their ground, with no prospect of unity and peace in sight. One even gets the feeling that the evildoers seem to get the upperhand and to get away with all their dirty tricks. One might even ask: Where is God? Is He sleeping? Why does He allow the evildoers to prosper and the good to suffer? The Good News is that God does not sleep. He knows everything, and He will make all things beautiful, in His time. Like the mustard seed and the yeast, the good and the righteous—not the liars and the evildoers—will triumph.

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We all have an agenda in life. We all want to push our own agenda, naturally. But, what about God's agenda? Who is pushing it amid all the haze and confusions? In our own minds, we all believe that we are doing what is right. But what is really right in God's mind? While we cannot fathom God's mind, we can know with certainty what He wants. He wants us to be true and good, at all times. The problem is that truth and goodness are oftentimes compromised, hidden and silenced for the sake of order and expediency.

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There are wheat, and there are weeds in us and among us. The battle rages on. And then, there are people who vacillate between being wheat and weed, "wheeds," let us call them. They are the fence-sitters who do not take a stand, who evaluate and assess the situation, and eventually come out only when it is already safe and profitable to do so. Wheeds are neither hot nor cold, neither here nor there. Wheeds, you may survive and thrive in life, but in the end, wheeds, be warned: "Because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spew you out of my mouth." (Rev. 3, 15-15)

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The bishops have spoken. In His time, we hope that the CBCP stand regarding our present situation will find its mark in our people's hearts. While some received it with joy ("Thank you, bishops!"), others received it with disgust and disappointment, feeling that the bishops spoke as priests and kings, but not so much as prophets. Peter was there, but where was Paul? Again, there is a big picture, there is a reason and there is a mission in everything that happens in our lives. Let the wheat and the weeds grow together. In His time the wheat will be gathered into His barn, and the weeds will be thrown into the fire. But wait. Let's not leave it all to God though. We all have to ask the question: Did I help the wheat grow, or did I allow the weeds to grow?

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This text message goes very much in line with our bishops' call for prayer and discernment: "Oftentimes, we say too much that we fail to listen to what God is telling us. Answered prayers come to those who give silence a chance to speak." Let us all look deep in our hearts and listen to God in prayer, because only in humble prayer can we really sift the wheat and the weeds in us and among us.

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Fr. Robert Reyes, the running priest, has literally stood still. He is at the People Power Monument at Edsa, praying and fasting for peace for a week now. At every age and time, God raises up prophets in our midst who disturb us, remind us and point the way for us. A prophet's life is not easy. Neither is it comfortable. It is strewn with persecution. For those who think that he is overacting, think again. Are you doing anything at all about the present situation? Perhaps, all of us should put up prayer and fasting centers for peace in all our parishes and institutions while the political impasse goes on.

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The column salutes this woman. She has braved out a lot of persecution, withstood all the pressures and onslaughts on her person, and remained strong and focused in her mission through it all. Yes, we admire her—Mama Mary, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, whose feast we celebrated yesterday.

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Fr. Leonardo Mercado, SVD has come out with his book "Essays on Filipino Philosophy" now available at all leading bookstores.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to believe that your delays are not your denials, and that you make all things beautiful in your time. Amen.

A soldier's dilemma (2)

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

DEAR General Farolan,

A few days ago, one of my junior officers, actually a platoon leader, reported back to duty after going on emergency leave to Pangasinan to look after an ailing mother who had just suffered a stroke. Immediately upon his arrival, he showed me a news clipping with your column "A soldier's dilemma." He said that a number of his fellow officers, mostly classmates from the Philippine Military Academy, had discussed the article among themselves and generally agreed that it had put them in a predicament considering what has been taking place in the last few days and the events which led to these developments.

He didn't ask any questions, but I sensed that he was searching for answers and possibly guidance. As I looked at his young face, full of idealism and a desire to do what is right, I remembered that many years ago I was was also faced with a similar situation. By the way, most of my platoon leaders are recent graduates of our alma mater. They are doing a wonderful job and our people can really be proud of them. All the money of the Filipino taxpayer that was invested in their education and training is beginning to pay off. I realize we have suffered serious setbacks in recent years involving junior and senior officers, but as long as we continue to remain focused on bringing up these boys in an environment which stresses service to the nation, we shall prevail in our efforts to professionalize the institution.

So what did I tell my young visitor? I reminded him that we have a chain of command starting from the commander-in-chief to the chief of staff, down to the platoon leader. I also told him that regardless of what our military leaders say, we can never be a truly neutral armed forces. We are an instrument of national policy, a policy dictated by the existing government with a chief of staff appointed by this government. This is not to disparage Gen. Efren Abu and the incoming chief of staff, Gen. Generoso Senga. We are fortunate to have them at the helm during these difficult times. Whatever his critics may say of him, Gen. Abu showed great courage in confronting head-on the deadly cancer of "conversion." To my mind, he is the only chief of staff to formally denounce and stop the practice which has brought so much shame and ignominy to our Armed Forces. Gen. Senga is widely respected, not only in the Army but also in the military organization, and it is comforting to know that he will be moving up to chief of staff next month.

But let me dwell on the so-called "neutrality" of the Armed Forces. Many years ago, it would have been unnecessary to stress this point. It was something our people generally took for granted. However, along the way, events took place in 1972 and the military was called upon to carry out duties and responsibilities other than defending the nation from internal attacks or external aggression. Some people likened the move to toothpaste being squeezed out of a tube. We represented the toothpaste which could never again be returned to its container [once,] with just the slightest pressure by the hand on the tube, [squeezed] out in measured amounts.

Since then, our politicians have used us for their own agenda. One glaring abuse of this political power is the revolving door policy with respect to the term of our chief of staff. We will soon have seven chiefs for the four years of the present government. How can we develop the professionalism needed for an apolitical Armed Forces when leadership is in constant flux, depending on the needs of the Palace?

Today, every election has its share of military interventionists. Our political system has become so polarized that opposing parties have their supporters in the active and retired ranks. The Garci tapes is evidence of the existence of pro- and anti-government military officers in the active service, working on behalf of their principals. It appears that neutrality, like beauty, is mainly in the eye of the beholder.

By the way, sir, it was Dante Alighieri, the Italian Renaissance poet, who said: "the hottest place in hell is reserved for those who, in time of real crisis, remain neutral."

Anyway, going back to my young lieutenant, I stressed the importance of observing the chain of command. Having said that, I also pointed out to him that in 1986, during the Edsa I Revolution, if everyone had obeyed the chain of command, there would have been a massacre at Edsa. Remember that the command was to open fire in an attempt to disperse the gathering. Instead, the units held their fire and joined the people on the streets. In 2001, the chain of command abandoned the incumbent president, in effect violating their oath to uphold the Constitution.

I could see my young friend was more confused than when we started our dialogue. So I took a different tack and mentioned that I was glad he was thinking about these developments. There are no hard and fast rules which could cover all the possible situations one is bound to face in the future. Most of the time, the Constitution and the chain of command are the best possible guides. But every now and then, when faced by a crisis of national significance, we are left with only our conscience. It's the little voice inside that tells us what is the right thing to do.

When I have an opportunity to go to Manila one of these days, I hope we can share a cup of coffee.

Respectfully,
Your fellow Peemayer.

Robots in our future

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

THOUGH I was able to travel to Aichi, site of the World Expo 2005, from Kobe, and tour not just the Philippine pavilion but a few of the more interesting national and company pavilions in one day, I wouldn't really recommend a day-trip. So vast are the Expo grounds that just getting around takes a lot of time, even if one supplements "foot work" with rides on any number of experimental modes of transport, from an elevated train to unmanned "intelligent" buses.

Queuing at the more popular pavilions, such as those of Japan and Toyota, could take as long as two hours. The only reason I was able to visit the number of pavilions I did in half a day (I arrived at the Expo site after lunch) was that the Philippine pavilion staff made previous arrangements that I be allowed in as a "media" guest. Many thanks to Pavilion director Arcie Soriano, not just for making the arrangements but also for the friendship and hospitality, and to Racquel Tria for accompanying me, on foot, around the Expo site and the different pavilions.

Here's a brief "tour" of the attractions I managed to take in.

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DESERVING of its popularity is the Japan Pavilion, which amazes just by its architecture: housed in a bamboo "cage" entirely in keeping with the Expo theme of "living with nature." Envisioned by architect Yutaka Hikosaka as a "double-layered membrane," the bamboo webbing also cuts out between 30 and 40 percent of the sunlight, reducing air-conditioning requirements.

The Pavilion's biggest attraction, though, is the Earth Vision Theater, which visitors enter through a moving track that brings them smack into the center of a globe-shaped room, standing on a "floating bridge" constructed of transparent plexiglass that allows one a 360-degree view of the screen that covers the walls. For two-and-a-half minutes, the visitor is transported on a breathtaking voyage, soaring through sky and clouds and with birds one moment, only to be plunged under the ocean the next, then zooming up and out to outer space, amid stars and asteroids whizzing by.

Less dazzling, but still quite a fantastic treat, is the 3-D movie at the Korea Pavilion, an animated film that tells the story of the friendship between a boy and a robot who are eyewitnesses to the virtual destruction of the Earth, but who also play vital roles in the planet's re-generation. Unfortunately, the spell cast by the moving film is quickly dissipated the second one exits the theater, since the doors open to a bazaar of cheap trinkets, souvenir items and consumer goods. Was this meant to remind everyone of Seoul's public markets and street markets teeming with fake branded products?

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EVEN more popular than the Japan Pavilion is that of Toyota, with queues so long expo-goers have taken to sitting out the wait on the lawn and the areas in front of the entrances.

Arcie says Toyota made a special effort to create a big splash at the Expo because its global headquarters, the compound known as "Toyota City," are in the Expo's immediate area in Nagakute. For this first Expo of the 21st Century, Toyota took great pains to demonstrate the lead it is taking in technological innovations while coming up with environmentally-sound products.

The Pavilion itself, a gleaming white spherical ode to the future, is a tribute to recycling technology. Recyclable metal poles, held together by friction and pressure, provide the basic structure, while stretched over this skeleton is a "skin" of fused recycled paper. Toyota's press representative also pointed out the grass on the lawn and rooftops, the product of bioengineering, which grows much more slowly than other varieties, cutting down the need for constant maintenance.

While there are exhibits of robots and cars of the future, the Pavilion's biggest draw is easily the "robot show," a dazzling feat of entertainment in an 800-seat capacity amphitheater that makes use of the interaction between human and mechanized "actors" to tell the story of human origins and evolution.

The show opens with a performance of a "robot orchestra," led by a human emcee. Actual music is performed by the mechanized musicians, it was stressed. The robots are actually playing their instruments, with the trumpet players, for instance, equipped with "artificial lungs" and even "lips" crafted from the reeds of woodwind instruments.

The musical robots are followed by dancing robots, actually mechanized "people movers" known as i-bots that glide around on wheels and, as one prototype shows, can even negotiate steps.

While pretty impressive, the show actually sent shivers down my spine, with reality finally impinging upon fantasy, the vision of the human race sharing space with their mechanical alter-egos chilling and creepy.

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STILL, as the Toyota representative emphasized, the robots are still in an experimental stage and none of the prototypes will be seeing practical, much less commercial, uses anytime soon.

There are other attractions in the Expo, which stays open only until September. Though the vast majority of Expo visitors are Japanese—including quite a number of families and group tours—there are also a lot of foreign visitors. In fact, the Japanese government has even built a brand-new airport, known as Centrair or the Central Japan International Airport, in Aichi Prefecture specially to cater to the Expo market.

There are many reasons to visit the Expo: to be dazzled by natural wonders and feats of design, to marvel at futuristic displays and technological achievements, and, of course, to find out more about the world we live in. And Filipinos will certainly find reason to be proud of our race and our roots, in the cocoon of serenity that is our small but proud pavilion.

Conversations: normal and faked

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THE SO-CALLED "X-tape" that Ilocos Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson has brought to the public's attention, which supposedly implicates former President Joseph "Erap" Estrada in a plot to assassinate President Macapagal-Arroyo, seems so patently fabricated he cannot possibly think people would swallow it. Its real intent must lie elsewhere.

My view is that the Chavit tape simply aims to show that real voices can be lifted from an original source and then mixed with other voices to simulate a conversation that in fact never took place. Thus, the public is prompted to suspend its belief in the authenticity of any recorded conversation—including the ones alleged between President Arroyo and Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano. This is invalidation by contamination.

While cultivation of a critical attitude is essential to any civilized society, I doubt very much if this is the objective of Singson. I think what he wants us to do is to put on hold our faculty of reason—our ability to know things, to decide their meanings, and to act on the basis of our personal discernment—until the experts and jurists have spoken. This is the same line being peddled by those who seek to belittle the citizen's commonsense truth on the ground that there is a higher truth waiting to be discovered.

The fixation with authentication, both in its legal and technical sense, dissuades ordinary people from trusting their own common sense in interpreting the recorded conversations. This is absurd. What equipment do we use to understand one another in everyday life but our common sense? We may not be able to explain how we, as ordinary human beings, are able to make sense of the most cryptic conversations. That is the job of analysts. But just because we do not know how the mind works does not mean we cannot use it. We do not need an expert to tell us what is unnatural about the following alleged conversation between Erap and a supposed hired assassin:

Sir: *Ah ganon.*

Man: *Ganun nga sir. Pag napatalsik na si Pandak at may transition government na, magkakasakit na si Tanda. Puwede na nating ipitin seguro ang kaliwa, sir. So tuloy na plano, sir. Puwede na i-sacrifice si Tanda. Tutal tapos na siya, sir."*

What's wrong with this conversation? For one, it is unnecessarily detailed and chatty. The man exhibits conversational incompetence. He is either a fictional character or from Mars. They're supposed to be talking of the grave business of murder on the phone, yet he breezily outlines the whole sequence of an elaborate plan of murder and revolution as if he were doing a powerpoint presentation. I think we can reasonably presume that Erap, as the mastermind, would have been knowledgeable about it. So why is this operative giving Erap a lecture on the plan as if he were hearing it for the first time?

Emmanuel Schegloff, a scholar who has written extensively on conversational practice, formulates a basic rule in conversations as follows: "Do not tell a co-participant what he already relevantly knows, use it." The man that Erap was supposedly talking to was speaking to the ex-president as if he were describing plans for a weekend of fun to a 5-year-old boy.

"Talking is acting," says Wesley Sharrock, a British sociologist. "Members (of a speech community) do not have a general problem of describing or explaining 'everything' that happens. They do not typically produce actions and then, separately and independently, try to describe or explain what they have done. Sometimes, of course, when what is happening is 'specifically senseless,' members will explicitly offer descriptions or explanations to make sense of something—they will produce what Garfinkel calls 'formulations'."

Compare the conversations in the "X-tape" with those in the "Hello Garci" tape. Here is an intriguing one from the latter, possibly among the most incriminating of the Garci conversations:

Garci: *Hello Ma'am.*

Ma'am: *Hello, atsaka ano, ano, yung kabila, they they're trying to get the Namfrel copy of the municipal COCs.*

Garci: *Saang Namfrel ho? Namfrel copies ho?*

Ma'am: Uhm-uhm.

Garci: *Ay wala naman, ok naman ang Namfrel sa atin. They are now sympathetic to us.*

Ma'am (mumbling in a lowered voice): Oo,oo,oo....(garbled) Namfrel does not tally... Pero yun nga, yung dagdag, yung dagdag.

Garci: *Ah, oho, we will, we will get an advance copy ho natin kung anong kwan nila.*

What makes this conversation credible? Ma'am brings up a ticklish problem she does not state till toward the end. Instead, she refers to a seemingly harmless event—namely, the other side is trying to get Namfrel copies of the municipal COCs. Garci does not see right away why this is a problem. So he answers with a question: Namfrel where? He knows which Namfrel groups he controls. He allays Ma'am's unease by assuring her Namfrel is cooperating. Ma'am seems aware of that, but that's not what she is inquiring about. The point is the "*dagdag*" (the padding), a bad word she is hesitant to utter but could not avoid. She wants Garci to make sure the Namfrel copies in the concerned municipalities reflect the "*dagdag*," but nowhere does she explicitly tell him so. She assumes he understands what she's saying and what he needs to do. Garci finally gets it, and so he tells her: We will; we will get an advance copy so we will know what ("*kwan*") they have. He does not elaborate.

Such is the nature of normal talk.

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Why I think Vatican did no such thing

TWO stories by excellent reporters broke recently, detailing the "tongue-lashing" the Papal Nuncio allegedly gave the bishops on Saturday, July 9. As a result of the Vatican's scolding, we are told, the bishops held back from demanding the President's resignation.

I regret to disagree with both the International Herald Tribune and Newsbreak magazine, but I think they both got it wrong.

COMMENTARY

John Nery

I do not dispute the fact that Archbishop Antonio Franco spoke at the start of the Saturday proceedings; it is a tradition that the Pope's ambassador address a national conference of bishops every time it meets in plenary.

I do not dispute the excerpts from his speech which ran in Newsbreak; for instance, this one: "bishops are out of their place when they get into direct action, attending rallies on political issues, siding with one group or another, being used by parties with hidden agenda for purposes of grabbing power... I am convinced that this direct action is being exploited for partisan politics and it is wrong for the Church and for the country."

(To be sure, I do not even dispute the correctness of the Nuncio's view.)

What I do disagree with—based on my own sources, my reading of other stories before they went to press, my line-by-line study of the two articles in question, and my own understanding of the workings of the Church I belong to—is the assertion that the Vatican caused the bishops to slam on the brakes.

Not true. Earlier this week, I asked Archbishop of Davao Fernando Capalla if what an influential bishop had told me on the afternoon of Friday, July 8 (that is, some 15 hours before Franco's address) was indeed the truth, that the conference had already determined not to ask President Macapagal-Arroyo to resign. His reply, via SMS: "Yes, consensus was always there. What delayed [it] was the precise formulation. Nuncio only reminded us of Church teachings."

The Newsbreak story itself quotes an unnamed bishop as saying "that the Nuncio's speech 'was not a factor' in the CBCP's pastoral statement. The CBCP position on the political tempest was done, except only on how the statement should be presented. But the bishop stressed that the basic substance of the pastoral statement was already the emerging consensus even before they sat down for the plenary."

The IHT story also includes the following: "Archbishop Oscar Cruz, one of those who attended the meeting, denied on television that they had been pressured by the Vatican to go soft on Arroyo."

So that's three different and high-level sources (assuming the Newsbreak source is neither Capalla nor Cruz), all saying the consensus preceded the Vatican's alleged intervention.

(Incidentally, the INQUIRER's own wrap-up on the "Vatican hand" was straight down the middle, as one can glean from the second paragraph: "Depending on the political persuasion of the bishops who recalled Franco's address to the prelates on Saturday, it was either a lecture or a gentle reminder of the Church hierarchy's prophetic role in society.")

Political meddling?

But doesn't the Newsbreak story quote two bishops saying otherwise? Actually, no. The relevant paragraph begins: "Two bishops confirmed Newsbreak's information that Franco scolded them Saturday (July 9) morning over what he described as excessive political meddling of some bishops."

I would argue with the use of the word "scolding," but essentially that sentence got it right—at least as far as it goes. In my reading, what the bishops actually confirmed was the fact of the speech, and the essence of that speech. But did they actually confirm that (a) the bishops were all set to make the demand for resignation and (b) by speaking, Franco stopped them from doing so? No such thing.

Doesn't the IHT story assert that the Apostolic Nunciature could have issued a denial, but did not? Yes, but what exactly did it not deny? That "the envoy, Antonio Franco, had conveyed the displeasure of Pope Benedict XVI in a speech delivered to the bishops Saturday."

Again, I would argue whether it was in fact the Pope's displeasure that was conveyed, but even if it were, would this fact support the story's main assertion: that the Vatican caused the CBCP to temper its position?

True intent

The Newsbreak story itself suggests the true intent of the Nuncio's speech: he was reading the Riot Act to the handful of bishops who had taken a high-profile role in politically radical initiatives. "Instead of being the prophetic voice that urges institutions of State to work for the good of the people, bishops become the ones who prevent institutions to work," Franco said (quite calmly, according to some bishops, with no whipping and lashing of the tongue). "While some joined rallies versus change of Constitution in the past, now some are advocating total neglect of it. It is the perception people get because of some confusing statements." ("Total neglect" of the Constitution; that is some phrase.)

He was, of course, referring to Bishops Julio Labayen, Antonio Tobias and Deogracias Iñiguez, who have called for non-constitutional solutions to the present political crisis. The three prelates had already called for "a change in the system," starting with the President's resignation. Were they in fact able to convince the rest of their brethren? I don't think so. In fact, I think their position did not have a snowball's chance in hell (with due apologies to the bishops) of being adopted by the majority.

So the Nuncio spoke about drawing the line between serving as prophets and acting as politicians. What else is new? This is a perennial concern of the Vatican. It was a concern throughout most of the papacy of the famously political Pope John Paul II. It was a concern even during the CBCP's finest hour, on Feb. 13, 1986, when the bishops declared that Marcos' new government had no moral basis. As Newsbreak itself recounted last year: "(Fr. James) Reuter recalled that shortly after the 1986 snap elections, Rome warned (Jaime Cardinal) Sin and Cebu Archbishop Ricardo Cardinal Vidal, then CBCP president, against issuing a pastoral statement condemning the irregularities in the elections and calling Marcos' victory a fluke. [Later,] Sin and Vidal were both summoned to Rome to explain their defiance of the Holy See's order."

What do I read in that? That nothing will stop the bishops from thundering against the political order—that is, if they are led to do so by their discernment.

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Is GMA a lame duck president?

A LAME duck is someone who is not effective at what he or she does. It also means a person who holds an elective office but is not elected again. The question refers to the first definition. For the seven Cabinet members and three agency heads, who resigned irrevocably on July 8, President Macapagal-Arroyo has become ineffective at pursuing reforms.

In a statement titled "Of Leadership and Credibility," the group urged Ms Arroyo to step down because her recent decisions were guided mainly by her determination to survive as President. "We believe that she will continue to make her decisions according to this norm," the group said.

The longer the President stays in office under a cloud of doubt and mistrust, the greater damage she poses to the economy, according to the group.

Two days ago, it reiterated its call for the President to step down, saying that her continued stay in office has resulted in the downgrade of the outlook on the country by international credit rating agencies, the President's abysmal trust ratings and deepening divisions in society.

Officials, who have stayed loyal to Ms Arroyo, understandably do not believe that the President has become ineffective.

The head of the Presidential Management Staff says that Ms Arroyo has not lost the political mandate and that calls for her to resign will only make her stronger. He even expects defections from the opposition as the President survives the crisis.

'What does not kill you makes you stronger'

By Rigoberto Tiglao

The German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, of course, was talking about the spiritual life. But he might as well have been describing a truth in politics.

Consider the following cases:

- In 1998, as the Asian financial crisis clobbered Malaysia into recession, the then 73-year Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad faced a revolt by his protégé and heir apparent, Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim.

Anwar, who was also the finance minister, accused Mahathir of cronyism, nepotism and corruption. Anwar was fired, charged with four counts of sexual misconduct and jailed.

Demonstrations, some violent, flared throughout 1998 and early 1999 in Kuala Lumpur and other cities. One demonstration attracted 50,000 participants. In October, over 250 demonstrators were arrested by the police. Opposition and nongovernment organizations called on Mahathir to step down.

A lame duck prime minister, an aging leader set to retire very soon? Hardly.

In the 1999 elections, Mahathir's party won a landslide victory. Despite the political crisis, Mahathir steered Malaysia through the Asian financial meltdown toward recovery, even defying International Monetary Fund prescriptions. In 2003, Mahathir, 78, retired, and transferred power to Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

- In January 2001, Thailand's Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra assumed power following a landslide victory.

This was despite the filing of a graft case against him by the National Counter Corruption Commission, a constitutional body, for concealing assets to avoid taxes.

In an emotional televised court appearance that June, Thaksin said that his was an "honest mistake," stemming from confusion over the complex tax forms.

In August 2001, Thaksin was acquitted, allowing him to lead his country toward steady growth. His economic initiatives were praised for innovativeness, earning the tag "Thaksinomics."

- More familiar to us, but surprisingly mostly forgotten now, is the fact that from 1987 to 1989, her national defense secretary, perhaps a third of the military (including strike forces of the Marines and Scout Rangers), and the Left put enormous pressure on then President Corazon Aquino to resign through force of arms and demonstrations (remember the Mendiola Massacre?).

An oil crisis broke out which made ordinary Filipinos think that people power really didn't matter at all in their lives. The suicide of her finance secretary and civil society stalwart Jaime Ongpin, whom Aquino fired, created resentment against her in the NGO crowd.

Was Cory a lame duck president? Not at all.

Defying swashbucklers

The coup attempts failed to kill her presidency. They only made her stronger. Those who dismissed Aquino as "a mere housewife" began to see her as a president strong enough to defy swashbuckling rogue colonels.

Aquino steered the country through the oil crisis and the economy grew. This "lame duck" president proved to be powerful enough to defy the dominant party's Laban ng Demokratikong Pilpino's presidential candidate, and put into power her personal choice, her defense secretary Fidel Ramos.

The notion of a "lame duck president" makes for attention-grabbing headlines, and is a favorite of coffee shop analysts. It is the conceptual cousin of the fuzzy notion of "credibility" of the more-patriotic-than-thou NGO types.

It is hogwash, though, in empirical studies of politics.

The concept may be true in its original American term of a president during the period between losing an election and the actual swearing in of the new one.

It has been proven false even in its extended definition of an American president in a second four-year term. It was on his second and last term at 73 years old that Ronald Reagan succeeded in undertaking the capstone of his economic program (the tax-simplification bill of 1986), and launched his victorious all-out nonviolent campaign against the Evil Empire.

In his second term, Bill Clinton, the second American president to be impeached, continued to govern. Under his watch the United States had the lowest unemployment rate in modern times and the lowest inflation in 30 years. Crime rates dropped in many places.

Enormous powers

The Philippine presidency has enormous powers. As Aquino and Ramos demonstrated, the Philippine president is so powerful that she or he can practically create the dominant party almost overnight.

What doesn't kill you makes you stronger: that's so obvious in political parties' growth. Watch the defections from opposition parties as the President survives this crisis.

The Philippine bureaucracy whose chief executive is the President is the biggest organization in the country, including government corporations, with nearly two million people. We have a deep bench of patriotic and bright Filipinos more than willing to take over the abandoned posts. Since Edsa I, the military and police have evolved into professional organizations loyal to the Constitution, immune from rabble-rousers and false messiahs.

Take note that 12.9 million Filipinos voted for President Macapagal-Arroyo for a term until 2010. There's no fine-print that says if there are demonstrations in the streets or if opinion surveys show that she is unpopular, she loses that mandate.

The opposition and the radical Left have thrown their best punches at her over the past four weeks. The propaganda air-cover of the July 8 and July 13 mass mobilizations, however, has not at all dented the Arroyo presidency, as Filipinos saw through the hypocrisy of it all.

At the end of the day, Filipinos have judged that all the turmoil is an artificial attempt at creating a debauched version of people power.

The Communist Party—whose front organizations provided the mass of warm bodies in the anti-GMA demonstrations as well as the agitprop technology they have developed for three decades now—should have listened to an aphorism of its guru, Karl Marx: "History repeats itself, first as tragedy, second as farce."

People Power I as history repeated itself in Edsa II, a tragedy because we had to bypass institutions and go to the streets again to topple a corrupt regime.

Attempts by the opposition and the Left to repeat Edsa I as history, which the Hyatt 10, Cory Aquino and the Ayala rally last Wednesday did, are clearly a farce.

(Tiglao is the chief of the Presidential Management Staff.)

The limits of political accommodation

By Dinky Juliano-Soliman

I am very sad that personal ties have to suffer and be sacrificed for principles. However, there are limits to swallowing political accommodation that will only exacerbate our country's critical situation.

Leadership and credibility have been standing problems of this administration from the beginning but in the first three years, there were opportunities for genuine reform that were at least pursued. Ironically after the 2004 elections, the openings narrowed just when the fresh and clear mandate could have been used to strongly shun *utang na loob* [debt of gratitude] and zoom ahead with reforms.

Struggle

In my four years in government, it was always a struggle between good and evil—old habits of traditional politics versus alternative new politics, which empowered communities. The first three years saw positive support for the latter but sadly lost momentum after the elections. We stayed on in the Cabinet thinking that the good of the country will prevail even if promised reforms were understandably delayed.

In the spirit of hope and giving the President the benefit of doubt, we waited, somewhat naively assured that they will be delivered. Many of them were not. Heels were digging deeper into the comforts of power and there was no sign of firm determination to remove them.

The last three months were particularly difficult as the scandals came out. It was disturbing to have the hands of the highest officials of the land allegedly deep into the jueteng jar after we threw out a President on the same issue. The tapes, while we do not prejudge the outcome of the investigation, cast doubt on the integrity of the President and on the electoral mandate that she won.

Agonizing

It took an agonizing and protracted process to reach the decision for us to resign and to request the President to leave her post as well. There was much pain and anguish in deliberating the options before us. It was most frightening to arrive at the point of realizing the lack of credibility of a leader whom you have been serving, whom you wanted to support till the end, whom you wanted so greatly to believe in, and whom you wished simply to do the right thing.

With government programs utilized to deodorize the administration, it's easy to project a "business and governance as usual" mode, deluding the public into thinking that everything could continue as is. Within this safety zone, corruption will effortlessly persist because of a laid-back acquiescence. It's difficult to go against the powers that be who have all the resources to negate genuine reforms.

We deserve more

We cannot afford as a nation to be complacent at this juncture. The call for resignation from different sectors, from former President Cory Aquino, from various political forces and from us, who served in the administration, is not merely a call to action. It is a call for each and everyone to discern and to assess what has been done to our country. It is a call to ask of ourselves what we must expect of our leaders. We expect more and we deserve more but we have been beggars too long for alms and crumbs. As mendicants, it is almost too easy to expect nothing at all.

The opposition is not a monolithic bloc. There are numerous permutations of the right and left wings plus middle forces all converging in a single conclusion despite distinct and divergent agendas. These agendas may scare people into indifference but we cannot afford as a nation to be indifferent at this time.

Beyond agendas and personalities, beyond fear and doubt, what is it that bothers us the most about the present situation? What are the options? By options I do not refer to persons but to methods. The reign of political expediency must end. But how? If maintenance of power is the only raison d'être of the present government, what kind of leadership do we look forward to in the next few months and in the next few years?

Redefine leadership

The aching process that we are undergoing now is part and parcel of a maturing democracy that clamors for strengthening constitutionally mandated means so that whatever gains have been made will not be lost.

We are redefining leadership, raising the bar and standards for those who have taken a sacred covenant between leader and constituent. The sanctity of this covenant has been extremely tarnished and degraded over and over each time we permit injustices to take place under our noses.

The crux of the challenge weighing on us behooves us to make our voices heard, to forego tried and tired ways and to fashion a new and creative path. Like a cleansing after a storm, this crisis can sweep the slate clean, invigorate our people and reenergize our resolve to see our way through these difficult times.

(Soliman announced on July 8 her irrevocable resignation as social welfare secretary along with six other Cabinet members and three agency heads. They asked President Macapagal-Arroyo to do the same.)

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Mindanao federalists rethink strategy

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"ONE YEAR was a long, long wait."

Rey Magno Teves, chair of Lihuk Pideral, tells how federalists felt about President Macapagal-Arroyo's moratorium on talks about Charter change last year. The move would have ushered in a shift to federalism, which his group has been fighting for for years now.

But now that the Arroyo administration's fate appears to be uncertain, some groups are coming out to say that the option for a federal Philippines may already be "too late" if moves to unseat the President succeeds.

As waves of anti-Arroyo rallies strike Metro Manila, political leaders in Mindanao met in Davao City in what they called the biggest gathering of governors and mayors outside of Metro Manila. Their purpose was to steer discussions toward an independent Mindanao if protests succeeded in unseating Ms Arroyo.

North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol said the assembly was an offshoot of the governors and mayors' reaction to the political crisis.

Best option?

"Federalism within the context of the Philippine republic used to be the best option. But with the present political and economic condition, is it still the best option?" said former Transportation Secretary Pantaleon Alvarez, who has been peddling the One-People-One-Mindanao (OPM) idea.

At least, Alvarez got conditional support from local government officials on the island. In a resolution, the 22 governors, 11 city mayors and 115 town mayors threatened to secede if Ms Arroyo was ousted.

Militant groups, who are among those bent on unseating the President, criticized the summit as a move to dissipate pressure away from Malacañang, "to steal away the people's attention from the crisis in Manila."

But for the proponents of the federal system, does the call for an independent Mindanao sound like somebody else stealing the thunder?

"If its objective is projecting Mindanao as an ignored, neglected place from the rest of the country, that should be given the just attention it deserves," said Teves, whose involvement in the federal movement dated back to the martial law years.

Over-centralized

"The movement (for a federal Philippines) started in Mindanao because the problems resulting from the over-centralized unitary government in Manila has been more pronounced here," said Teves, who helped start the Lihuk Pideral movement five years ago.

The glaring fact remains: Mindanao contributes more than half of the country's exports; yet, it is not given enough government attention and support.

"We are saying that Metro Manila does not have a monopoly of good ideas," said Teves, "We also have something to say."

In 2003, the group convened the Citizen's Movement for Federal Philippines (CMFP), bringing the whole idea to Visayas and Luzon.

"It was a pleasant surprise for us to realize that even in Luzon, in Bicol and other regions, people are clamoring for change, and sharing the same sentiment," said Teves.

Federalists call the existing unitary and centralized kind of governance as a "remnant of a colonial past" that must be changed so that local communities would be more decisive in handling state affairs.

Division of power?

The leftist Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan) disagrees.

Juland Suazo, Bayan spokesperson, described the idea of an "independent Mindanao" and the proposed federal system of government as a kind of "division of power'" within the same ruling elite, leaving most of the people out of the discussions.

He said the proposal of a "revolutionary transition government" among the anti-Arroyo groups accommodated the poor.

Alvarez proposed to carry the formation of an independent Mindanao through a United Nations-supervised referendum.

"It's not that easy," said Teves, citing his group's years of experience in advocacy work. "A lot of distillation, a lot of thinking still needs to be done. It was only through sustained effort that the federal movement grew in the last four years, conducting hundreds of workshops and discussion forums."

Draft Charter

Through a series of workshops, the CMFP came up with a draft Constitution that it intended to present before a constitutional convention.

But even its proposed structure is still a work-in-progress, according to Teves.

Under the draft Charter, the country will be divided into 11 states, including three in Mindanao—northern and western Mindanao; central and southern Mindanao; and the Bangsamoro state governing Lanao del Sur, Marawi City, Maguindanao, Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi.

The other states are Northern Luzon, the Cordillera, Central Luzon, Metro Manila, Southern Tagalog, Bicol, Western Visayas-Palawan and Eastern Visayas.

The new Manila, or the federal capital, is planned to be installed within the Clark Special Economic Zone in Pampanga.

"The structure and concept are not definitive yet," Teves said, "It has to evolve from the people themselves, and to be ratified in the proposed constitutional convention."

He noted that Ms Arroyo has been consistent in her stance for federalism but their schedule had already been overtaken by the sequence of events.

"We had wanted change in the context of the present Constitution and now, this," Teves said, referring to the crisis hounding the administration.

No more horsefighting in Davao festival

PRESSURES from animal rights activists forced organizers of this year's Kadayawan sa Dabaw to scrap the traditional Bagobo horsefight, a top tourist drawer in the celebration.

A dismayed Id Acaylar, city tourism officer, said the decision came after the city government chose to uphold the country's Animal Welfare Act that stipulates as unlawful all forms of cruelty against animals.

In recent years, the city has drawn flak from animal activists for allowing horsefighting, a long-time tradition among the Bagobo-Klata tribe.

Acaylar said he has gotten tired of writing letters every year explaining to foreigners, mostly individual Americans and Australians, concerned about the practice. But most of the pressure came from the government, with the Bureau of Animal Industry constantly reminding the City Veterinarian's Office here about the country's existing laws on kindness to animals.

"Even the bullfight in Spain is now subject of such protests," Acaylar said.

"We're supposed to follow our living heritage; the Bagobo horsefight is reflective of our living heritage, but I'm tired of answering questions now," he said.

Existing national laws forced the City Legal Office here to advise the city against the practice.

Fearful of possible legal problems if they continued the fight, the private sector organizers of the Kadayawan decided to scrap the event.

The show used to be one of the main highlights and attractions for tourists, said Acaylar. It has been replaced by other events, among them, the concert of 250 voices dubbed Tugtog festival, the film festival, and others.

THE TRADITIONAL Bagobo horsefight has been scrapped out of the Kadayawan sa Dabaw slated every August. RYAN LIM

Annoyed by the scrapping of their favorite event, the association of Bagobo chieftains led by Datu Max Gabao of Davao's Bagobo-Klata tribe, had written to President Macapagal-Arroyo asking the national government to allow the fight.

But Acaylar said the scrapping of the horsefight will not dampen tourism. He said it is not so much the scrapping of the horsefight that will gravely impact this year's festivities, but a host of other factors, including the rising prices of commodities and the unstable political condition in the country.

Kadayawan is Davao's traditional harvest thanksgiving celebrated by various events from August 12 and culminates on August 21 with the traditional "*indak-indak sa kadalanan*" (streetdancing) and floral float parade.

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Army says it killed Sayyaf men in clash in Maguindanao

CAMP SIONGCO, Maguindanao—Soldiers killed an undetermined number of Abu Sayyaf bandits during clashes in Maguindanao as operations against the al-Qaida linked group continues, a military official said yesterday.

But Maj. Gen. Agustin Dema-ala, chief of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, said three soldiers, including an Army lieutenant, were also wounded in the clashes that took place Friday in the borders of Guindolongan and Talayan towns.

Dema-ala said a Huey helicopter, which was ferrying troops, was hit when Moro rebels helping the group of Khadaffy Janjalani fired at it.

Dema-ala told the INQUIRER that around 11:30 a.m. on Friday soldiers intercepted Janjalani's forces.

He said an encounter followed, wounding a Lt. Bautista of the Army's 6th Infantry Battalion and two other soldiers.

"Due to pressures from us, Janjalani's group recently split into three groups. We have deployed a blocking force in possible exit areas of the two towns. Yesterday, soldiers intercepted them," Dema-ala said.

He said "there were casualties on their side" but he was not certain how many bandits have actually been killed.

Last week, four bandits were killed when MILF-backed soldiers clashed with Janjalani's group near Datu Odin Sinsuat town, also in Maguindanao.

Dema-ala expressed anger at what he said was a breakaway group of MILF fighters that fired on the helicopter.

Eid Kabalu, MILF spokesperson, said the gunmen were MILF members but blamed the military for non-coordination. *Jeoffrey Maitem and Charlie C. Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Abalos says he expects calls from pols during ARMM polls

ABALOS

COTABATO CITY—"I don't care if we are wiretapped," thus declared Commission on Elections (Comelec) chair Benjamin Abalos as he admitted that Comelec officials were expecting calls from politicians during the August elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

But Abalos quickly added that he sees nothing wrong in politicians calling Comelec officials during the elections especially if the calls were meant to clarify things pertaining to procedures.

"There's nothing wrong with candidates in any political activity calling poll officials," Abalos told reporters, apparently referring to the bugged calls placed by President Macapagal-Arroyo to former Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano in 2004.

Abalos said because calls by politicians are normal, he has no fear "even if we are bugged and wiretapped."

"There's no problem," he said.

Abalos was here for a meeting on July 18 with military and police officials and with ARMM candidates.

He also met with Maj. Gen. Agustin Dema-ala, commander of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, on the peace and order condition of provinces under the unit.

"We would like to ensure that the upcoming polls would be peaceful, orderly and credible," he said.

Abalos said the Comelec was also studying calls for the reshuffling of election personnel as requested by both the administration and opposition candidates in the region.

The call was initially issued by the Liberal Party (LP) after reports surfaced that massive cheating occurred in the region during past elections, including the 2004 presidential elections.

Among the areas identified where massive cheating, through vote padding and vote shaving, took place was Lanao del Sur.

In the said reports, Comelec officials and personnel allegedly helped commit the cheating. *Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

BFAD warns of counterfeit medicines sold in Cordillera

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—Counterfeit medicines continue to be sold in the Cordillera and the Bureau of Food and Drugs is urging local officials to deal with the problem.

Lawyer Yolanda Amangyen-Balauag, BFAD regional director, said the proliferation of fake drugs could be attributed to the public's lack of knowledge on how to recognize them and to mayors who issue business permits to establishments that sell medicines.

Worse, Balauag said, even government-owned medicines are being sold commercially along with expired drugs.

As of 2004, BFAD had confiscated 64 kinds of fake drugs sold in the region and had also ordered the closure of seven drug stores for dispensing drugs over the counter without the necessary BFAD permit.

Balauag said 28 doctors had been investigated for violating the generic drugs law and for prescribing counterfeit medicines.

These acts are all considered "violative prescriptions," Balauag said.

"The prohibited acts include the sale of imported drugs that did not comply with BFAD's requirement for product registration and re-labeling," she said.

She said the Cordillera has 290 registered drugstores as of 2004.

These stores have registered pharmacists who will assist in the proper dispensing of the drugs, she said.

"Merchandise stores that have permits to engage in business are actually prohibited from selling medicines," she said. She said the stores must have permits from BFAD to sell medicines and they must have a resident pharmacist.

Business licenses issued to commercial stores cannot be considered as the same licenses for the sale of drugs, Balauag said, even as she urged mayors to be careful in issuing permits to operate a store.

"Private stores, no matter how small, must first register and secure a permit from BFAD before selling drugs," [illegible] said. *Delmar Cariño, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

8 killed as cargo truck collides with jeep

BUTUAN CITY—At least eight people were killed, while several others suffered varying degree of injuries when a cargo truck slammed into a jeepney along the national highway in Barangay Afga in Sibagat, Agusan del Sur on Friday, police said yesterday.

SPO2 Salvador Boris, Sibagat police chief investigator, said the fatalities were all passengers of the jeepney, which came from nearby Bayugan town.

Boris said the Butuan-bound jeepney was cruising the highway when an Isuzu truck from the opposite side veered into its lane.

It smashed the jeepney around 4 p.m.

Boris said five jeepney passengers died on the spot while three others died while being treated in a hospital.

He identified the fatalities as Evangeline Torralba, 26; Jhonny Torralba, 2; Arlene Torralba, 25; Innocencia Torralba, 62; Sofia Palermo, 26; Che Wong, 27; Mercy Lutawan, 31 and Nary Torre, age not given.

Boris said the slippery road caused by rains might have caused the accident. *Franklin A. Caliguid, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Protesters questioned on kids in Cebu rally

By Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—Leaders and members of the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan) who brought with them their children during the anti-Arroyo rally face charges for violating the anti-child abuse law.

Cebu City Councilor Gerardo Carillo, chair of the committee on social services, asked the Cebu City Commission for the Welfare of Children and the Department of Social Welfare and Development to investigate the group for possible violation of Republic Act 7610.

"These people have to assume responsibility... It's high time... these people stopped using children to advance their... cause. They may have a valid cause, but using children for this cause is another story and that should not be tolerated," Carillo said.

Lolie Borlasa, secretariat of Bayan Muna Cebu, confirmed yesterday that at least 10 children joined their parents during the rally.

Borlasa said she even pitied the 6-month-old girl and her 3-year-old brother who also suffered in a tear gas attack by policemen.

ROUNDUP

Indian national shot dead

NAGA CITY—An Indian national was shot dead early Friday while he was on his way to a temple here, a police report said. Zorah Zingh, 40, was walking toward the gate of the Indian Temple Sikh when two motorcycle riding persons shot him several times, killing him instantly. Police said the two assailants, who escaped riding a red sports motorcycle, wore crash helmets. They said the motive of the crime has yet to be established even as information that police received revealed that Zingh had several enemies here.

Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

2 killed in Bicol mishap

CAMALIG, Albay—Two persons were killed while four others were seriously injured when the vehicle they were riding in fell into a creek after hitting a traffic sign post in Barangay Ilawod early Friday. Police identified the fatalities as Joselito Abapo, 38, of Maticala, Leyte; and Ariel Mario Bernal, 38, of Ormoc City. Wounded were Olive Orayle, Clark Wayne Sabado, Marife Quiapo and Maribel Bernal, all of Ormoc City. Senior Insp. Rogelio Beraquit, town police chief, said the vehicle was traversing the national highway on its way to Matnog, Sorsogon when it accidentally hit a traffic signboard at around 1:30 a.m. He said the impact caused the vehicle to swerve to the right and fall into the 5-meter creek.

Michael B. Jaucian, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

'Hot' vehicle recovered

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DAVAO CITY—Members of the Traffic Management Group in Southern Mindanao recovered a stolen vehicle in Mati, Davao Oriental. Senior Insp. El Cid Roldan, chief of the RTMO intelligence and investigation division, said the blue Isuzu Crosswind with license plate XAE-946 was recovered from Emelyn Padang, also of Mati. Insp. Napoleon Jabonero, chief of the Provincial Traffic Management Office, said at around 3:40 p.m. Tuesday, they chased the vehicle and flagged it down. Padang claimed she purchased the Crosswind from a Melchor Estrella San Juan of Cardona, Rizal. Padang also claimed she paid P520,000 for the vehicle. But Jabonero said the cheap price paid for the vehicle was suspect.

Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

1 die after eating cassava

UPI, Maguindanao—A four-year-old boy died while three others were hospitalized after eating cassava here. Dr. Ester Petilo of Datu Blah district hospital in Barangay Nuro, identified the fatality as Hector Berbanio Jr. Hospitalized were Hector Sr., 47, his two-year-old son Michael, and three-year-old daughter Helen. Petilo said the family had cassava for breakfast on Tuesday. A few minutes after eating, the children started vomiting. Petilo said initial investigation showed that the cassava was harvested from Berdanio's farm in Barangay Nuro. It turned out that it was planted near a pesticide warehouse. Interviewed over radio station dxUP, Petilo said the cassava could have been contaminated by chemicals and was not prepared well when cooked.

Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Mayor welcomes US execs

COTABATO CITY—In what seems to be a normalization of ties between him and American officials stationed in the country, Mayor Muslimin Sema welcomed ranking United States embassy and military officials, who came to see him last June. A statement released by Sema's office said the visit of Scott Douglas Bellard, counselor for political affairs of the US Embassy in Manila and Ronald Post, counselor for public affairs and some US Army officials was very cordial. The statement said the meeting, which took place for about an hour, included the subjects of terrorism, the peace process, the Moro National Liberation Front, the upcoming elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, US funded projects in Mindanao and the mayor's projects in the city. About two months ago, Sema was enraged when US Agency for International Development mission director Michael Yates accused him of allowing the entry to the city of foreigners with links to terror. Later, former US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone labeled the city as a doormat for terrorists.

Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau

PUT ON A HAPPY FACE. President Arroyo morphs from the usually wooden lady who seems to be forcing a smile to an affable, nearly lovable head of state. EDWIN BACASMAS

Public relations blitz to reinvent GMA image

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projecting a President resolute about carrying out her job "to deliver basic services" and taking care not to appear like a stern taskmaster, according to a Palace official who asked not to be identified.

It will project a leader who is "reachable, on top of the situation" despite the controversies bedeviling her.

It will try to show the "lighter, humane side of the President," the kind she displayed when she carried her granddaughter in her arms when she took a walk at the crowded Manila Baywalk last week, the official said.

No dressing down

Environment Secretary Michael Defensor said the President will not be seen again giving her people a dressing down on national television.

"We have impressed upon her that everyone in the Cabinet becomes more efficient when she is pleasant in dealing with them," he said.

The public got a preview of the new Palace spin tactics when the President chose to make two recent addresses through the old-fashioned medium of radio: her pre-emptive move to ask for the resignation of the entire Cabinet on July 7 and again on July 10 when she gratefully thanked the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines for not joining the calls for her to step down.

The radio address was seen to be effective as television does not seem to be the best medium for the uncharismatic President whose smile often comes out as a smirk and who appears to be struggling to look sincere.

But can the President sustain the charm offensive? Defensor said that she can, over time.

"We hope people can better appreciate the President when the country begins to reap the benefits of her economic policies," he said.

"Ms Arroyo is a well-meaning President. She is just sometimes misunderstood," Defensor said.

Resigned quickly

Jimenez's sudden emergence in the President's makeover campaign so upset Silvestre Afable, the Malacañang communications director, that he resigned then and there, according to a Palace source.

Unlike the 10 officials who made a big deal of their resignations, however, Afable has quietly opted to stay on until a replacement can be found for him.

Afable was apparently mollified when he learned that it was the President who had asked Jimenez to make the presentation, the source said.

No Cabinet official was willing to be quoted about the details of the communication plan although Defensor, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye, the resigned social welfare secretary, Corazon Soliman, and another Palace official confirmed the Jimenez presentation of the plan, variously called "complan" and "Ina ng Masa" (Mother of the Masses).

"I am the presidential spokesman but I don't want my colleagues to say that I am a kiss-and-tell type. The plan was highly confidential," said Bunye.

Jimenez, a classmate of the President who is now the alternate executive director for the Philippines at the Asian Development Bank, did not return calls. Since her ADB appointment, Jimenez has rarely been seen in the Palace which was why her presentation was a surprise to some Cabinet members.

"The plan was for the Cabinet people's eyes only. Because it is something the public ought not to know, but its results are something the public ought to note," another Palace official said.

The first time the President tried to change her style was in June 2002, when her popularity was shown to be suffering in comparison with that of her deposed predecessor, Joseph Estrada.

Her publicist Dante Ang launched "Ina ng Bayan (Mother of the Nation)" campaign depicting the President as a caring mother of all Filipinos.

Corporate look

In June 2001, former fashion model Joanne Zapanta-Andrada was enlisted to give the President a fashion and wardrobe makeover. The result was called the "corporate look" to project the image of a working President.

In March 2004, shortly before the presidential campaign, Ms Arroyo was advised to smile more often, and not do it in a conceited manner.

Ang is said to be out of the picture this time although Andrada is still around.

According to a Palace official, what was new about the current image makeover is that the President's handlers would be giving her more opportunities to show that she is sincere.

"There's no doubt she's a working President. And she has been producing results," a Palace official said.

"The problem is communication, and they mean not just words. In other words, this time they will try to improve her sincerity quotient before the public," he said.

Enter Lupita

The President is also said to have personally decided to bring in noted film director Lupita Kashiwara, the sister-in-law of former President Aquino who has asked Ms Arroyo to resign.

Kashiwara directed the President's apology speech last June 27 through the state-owned Radyo Ng Bayan.

"Not all actors can be good politicians but all politicians must be good actors," said a Palace official.

He said the President's clothes, hairdo and makeup as well as the staging, dubbing and blocking of Ms Arroyo's appearance were all Kashiwara's handiwork.

Kashiwara and Ms Arroyo were said to have rehearsed the speech four times.

Close to tears

"Lupita was very specific in her instructions. At one point of the speech, she told the President [in Filipino]: 'You don't cry in that portion, but you have to look like you are going to."

The June 27 speech also signaled the start of a new strategy: All of the President's major policy speeches will be using state-owned television and radio stations "if only to define, if not control, the arena" in sending her message.

Jobless youngster says he was there for the food

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President Macapagal-Arroyo were better.

Take it from someone authoritative—a 21-year-old jobless youth who attended both rallies.

"I came here for the food, just for kicks," the young man from Barangay 177 of Malibay, Pasay told the INQUIRER.

His friends broke into laughter.

The jobless youth and his friends wore similar white, sleeveless t-shirts, given to them, they said, by a rally organizer who brought them to the park.

A 52-year-old grandmother said the crowd would not have been big if some organizers did not pay many residents.

"They promised to pay us P150 each. I am an Erap supporter, but I came here because I'm practical," the woman said.

More than 1,000 passenger jeeps, buses and government vehicles—by INQUIRER count—which ferried the rallyists to the park were lined up on Roxas Boulevard closing the northbound lane of a usually busy road.

"There are no more jeeps on the road. People will find it hard to get rides today," said a jeepney driver plying the Taguig-Pateros route, who said he ferried rallyists to Rizal Park.

This classroom of life . . .

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Sophomore Felicisimo Ventuales Jr., 13, one of the youngest in this year's camp, is the fifth in a brood of seven. His father is a farmer in Negros Occidental while his mother is a full-time housewife.

Dreaming of someday becoming an engineer, he said being chosen to join this year's Energy Camp was a step toward that dream.

Big things come in small packages

He said he was not really counting on being picked to join the camp as only incoming seniors were chosen. However, since the PNOC-EDC engineers were not able to get enough incoming seniors to join, he was fortunate enough to make the cut.

Junior was a bit shy on his first day in camp. Because of his small stature, he was immediately given the nickname Shaq (after towering Shaquille O'Neal of the NBA), and eventually became the most popular and most loved among his peers. He was even voted overall best camper of the year by fellow campers.

He related that joining the Energy Camp gave him confidence and helped him overcome his fear of talking to adults. Although not particularly shy in school, he admitted that he had always been a bit intimidated by the school principal and adults who have a relatively high stature in society.

But after going through the activities in camp, most of them a first for him, Shaq soon came out of his shell. He said all the PNOC-EDC engineers, who served as volunteer instructors, were really nice and showed him there was nothing intimidating about talking to adults.

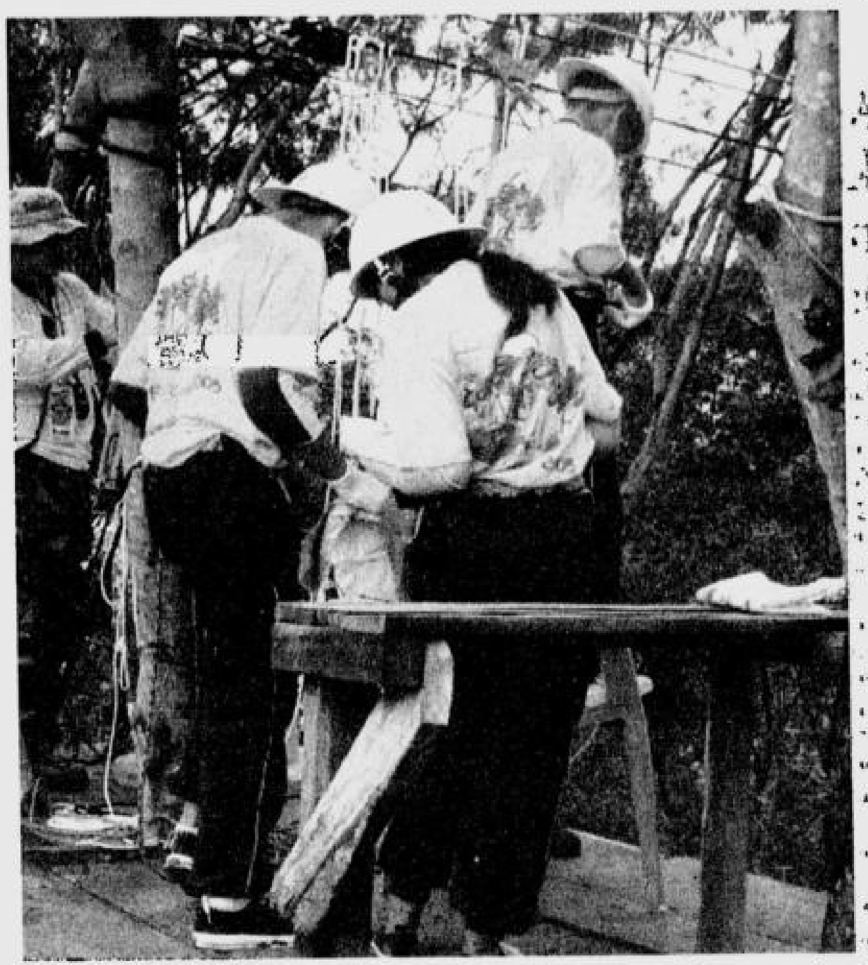
At the same time, he said, he got to take part in activities that he otherwise, would not have had the chance to join.

"Almost all the activities were a first for me. I even learned how to swim. The activities boosted my self-confidence and taught me about the importance of working in a team. Now I feel I can achieve my dream of becoming an engineer," Shaq said in Filipino.

Physical and mental exercises

He added that through the Energy Camp he saw how engineers could help the less fortunate, not just by helping build roads, bridges and houses, but also by giving some of their time to teaching high school students like him.

For a whole week, students like Shaq were treated to exercises for both mind and body.



THE HIGHLIGHT of the weeklong Energy Camp at the foot of the mountains is an Amazing Race-type challenge, which calls to the fore all the skills the participants learned during their training.

They started their day early and with light exercises. Then they attended lectures on geothermal energy and environmental protection. The rest of the day was devoted to survival skills training, including map-reading, first aid and basic rope skills such as knot-tying, rappelling and traversing.

On their last night, campers were given the chance to showcase their talents through presentations that dealt with the issue of protecting the environment. Some sang and danced, while some delivered short monologues, prepared skits and interpreted songs about the environment.

Highlight

But for Shaq and most of the students, the highlight of camp, was the a la-Amazing Race challenge which made use of all the skills they learned during the week.

Campers were divided into groups of four or five. Then they were given clue cards containing certain tasks that had to be performed in different locations all over the campsite.

Campers had to decipher clues and then use their maps and compasses to get to their destination. They even had to locate different ingredients of what turned out to be lunch. Then they had to figure out how to cook it.

Goodbyes

At the end of their Amazing Race day, campers gathered for the last time in a graduation ceremony where awards were given.

Some of the students delivered speeches expressing their appreciation for the support of sponsors California Energy, Kanematsu Corp. and Tanduay Distillers Inc., local government officials and of the PNOC-EDC.

After the formal ceremony, campers gathered around a bonfire and exchanged teary farewells. Shaq had his share of hugs and kisses, and was even hoisted on the shoulders of a number of campers and instructors.

Life-changing

For Shaq, the camp was a life-changing experience. He learned a lot of things which he said would one day help him achieve his dreams.

"I want to be an engineer and help poor people. Now I feel I'm better equipped to reach my goals," he said.

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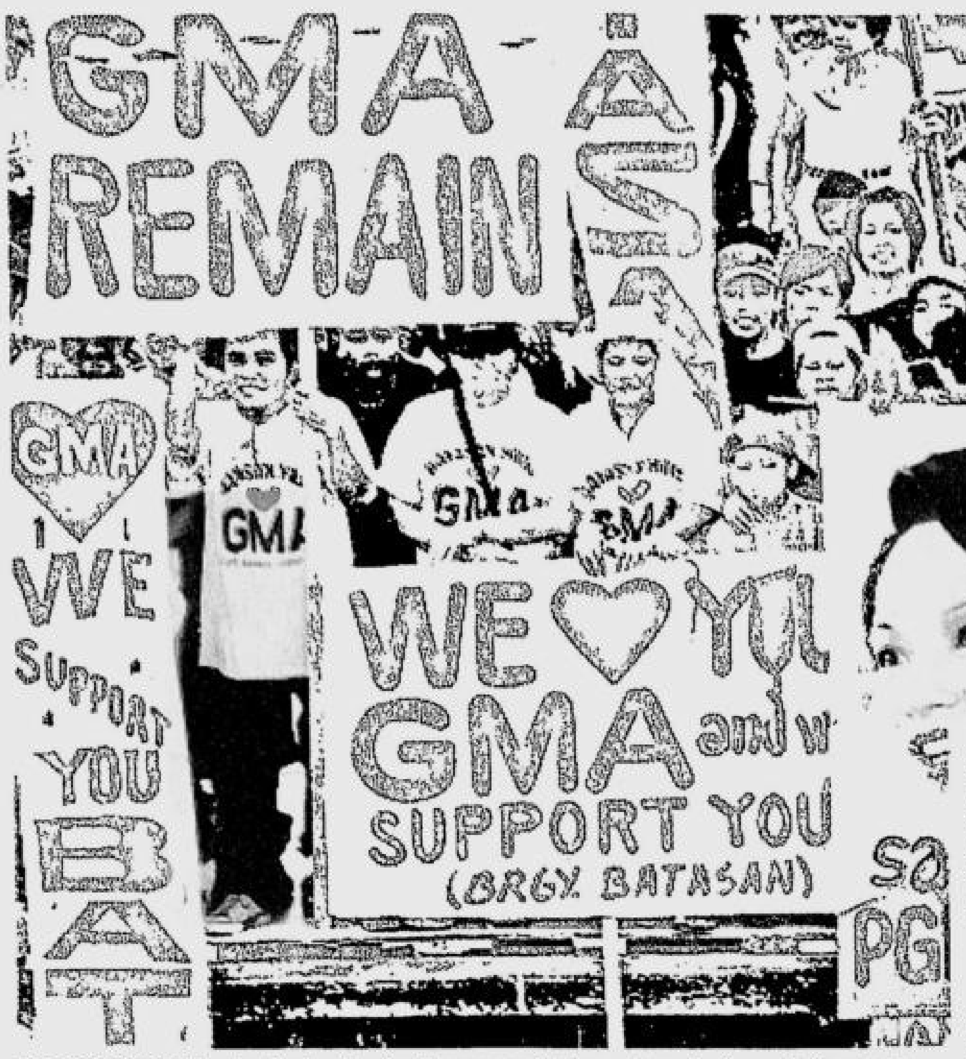
ANGELO DE LA CRUZ tells the teeming thousands that he came on his own to show his support for the President who risked the ire of the Americans in order to spring him from captivity in Iraq last year. REM ZAMORA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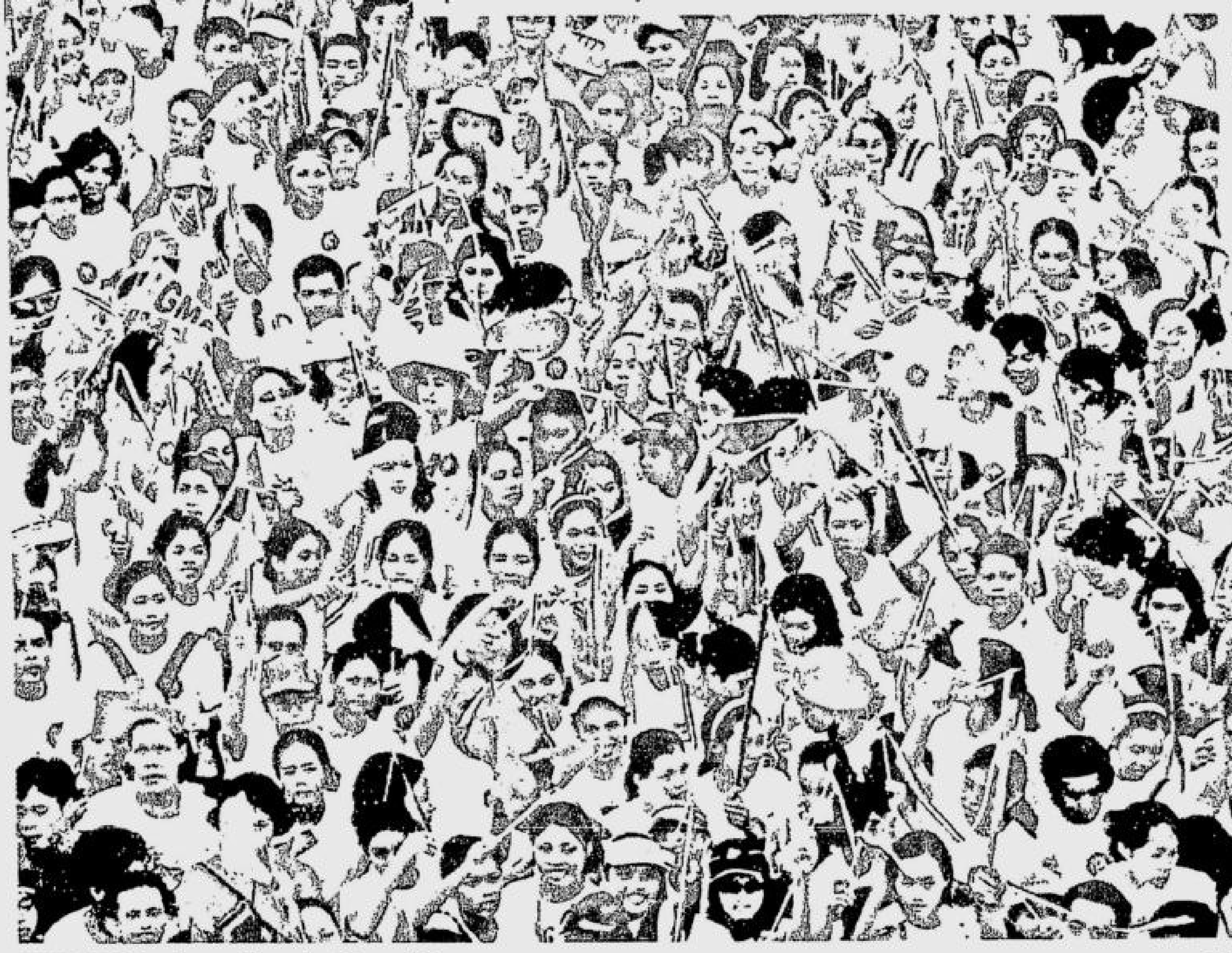
TO COUNTER the deafening "resign" message in the past week, "remain" posters sprout all over the rally site. AP

MUSLIMS also poured into Rizal Park in numbers much needed to prop up Ms Arroyo's sputtering presidency. REUTERS



WAVING high and proud the red, white and blue. REM ZAMORA

Thousands cheer GMA

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country's boxing idol, Manny Pacquiao.

"Thank you for being one with us," the boxer told the crowd. "To my fellow Filipinos, let us all unite."

Truck driver Angelo dela Cruz, who drew international attention last year when he was held hostage in Iraq and who credited Ms Arroyo for his release from captivity, also spoke about the need for Filipinos to unite.

"I came here on my own to support the President," De la Cruz said. "I don't believe the accusations against her because I know she was elected by the people."

Representatives of the Roman Catholic religious and lay sectors spoke of the moral dimensions of the political crisis that had engulfed the Arroyo administration.

Msgr. Mel David of Quezon City's Holy Family parish prayed that the Arroyo administration "may be conducted in righteousness" and that it "restrains vice and immorality."

Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila president Benjamin Tayabas, representing the academe, said "we hear so many different voices" calling on the academic sector to make a stand on the crisis.

He prayed that students, teachers and school leaders be given discernment that was "always in favor of truth, justice, order and the proper application of authority and accountability where the rule of law is supreme."

Poignant message

One of the poignant messages of peace came on wings of a song "The Prayer" performed by Lei Atienza and tenor Lemuel dela Cruz. One of its lines runs: "We dream a world without violence, a world of justice and faith (where) everyone gives the hand to his neighbors—symbol of peace, of fraternity."

Bert Rodriguez of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ religious group said the people cannot remove Ms Arroyo from office "because she was appointed by God."

Some of the songs the guest artists performed came from previous political upheavals, such as "Magkaisa" from the Edsa I People Power Revolution.

Freddie Aguilar led the singing of "Bayan Ko," the campaign theme song of supporters of former President Corazon Aquino during the 1986 popular revolt that toppled Ferdinand Marcos.

Sarah Geronimo sang "Heal our Land" and "Isang Lahi," which became popular during post-Edsa I years.

Comedienne Giselle Sanchez uttered a prayer for unity and peace.

Unlike the opposition rally in Makati, yesterday's gathering was devoid of fiery political speeches.

A program handed out the speakers made sure of this. It contained clear guidelines:

- Solemn and prayerful atmosphere.
- No lambasting/criticizing of the opposition's position and issues.
- No derogatory remarks versus opposition personalities.
- Songs shall be only spiritual/inspirational/nationalistic.

All but five of Metro Manila's 17 mayors were present, as well as officials and legislators from Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, Bulacan, Batangas, Nueva Ecija. Environment Secretary Michael Defensor and House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles also came.

Despite guidelines that no speaker would touch on politics, Atienza and some other officials alluded to the country's political crisis in the final prayer.

"Help us keep our fidelity to our own man-made laws, the laws that our leaders had crafted while invoking Your divine guidance," they said. "Give us the courage to stand by the Constitution and cherished ideals, even as we do not deny the need for change—changes in our land and in our selves."

In a joint statement, Representatives Ernesto A. Nieva (Liberal) and Del R. de Guzman (Lakas) said that the rally was "a show of force" designed in support of the rule of law and against destabilization and anarchy.

'Thinking class'

De Guzman said that the participants were members of the "thinking class" whom the opposition failed to convince to join calls for the removal of Ms Arroyo.

Unlike at Rizal Park, Nieva claimed that Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay "bought off people to attend the anti-GMA rallies in his kingdom of Makati."

Signs of 'hakot' all over Luneta despite denials

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plete with "passes" and control numbers devised just for the rally—crammed Roxas Boulevard, pouring out passengers in uniform shirts freshly printed with the name of their government units.

Some vehicles carried packed lunches, burgers and bottled water. Food went around sufficiently that ambulant vendors looking forward to brisk sales had a rather slow day.

Mandaluyong City Mayor Boyet Gonzales conceded that he and the city's congressman Benhur Abalos had to "shell out" for food, drinks and jeepneys for the crowd they contributed to the rally.

Abalos and Manila Mayor Lito Atienza both denied that each person's attendance had a price tag.

"Whether you call it hakot (crowds for hire) or not is just how you perceive it," he said.

His city sent over at least 5,000 people "from my political base and that of Abalos," Gonzales said.

The number could have been bigger "had this been held at the Edsa Shrine" in Mandaluyong, he stressed.

He said the city government, "as a matter of policy," simply asks for "volunteers" on occasions like yesterday's.

"I will stake my name on it. There was no money involved," said Efren Agustin, chair of Barangay 607, Zone 61 in Sta. Mesa, Manila, when asked whether his constituents were offered any incentive to attend the rally.

But Agustin disclosed that Mayor Atienza, in an official communication, sent out "invitations" to the different barangays. The invitation simply said that "those who want to can join."

"Maybe they are just called hakot crowds because you literally had to transport them to get here," the village chief said.

As early as 8 a.m., however, the INQUIRER received reports of payoffs being made for rally participants coming from as far as Pampanga and also from Marikina and Manila.

Going rate

The going rate was P500 per resident and up to P1,500 per government employee.

A group of employees from the Taguig municipal government said they received a "memo" about yesterday's event. Like Agustin, they said the note merely said that the rally was open to the willing.

But in the same Taguig delegation, the INQUIRER witnessed two instances wherein someone had a yellow pad paper passed around for an "attendance" check.

The paper was soon filled with printed names and signatures.

Farther away from the grandstand, along the parking area, a similar check was conducted by a person manning a Quezon City government vehicle issued to Barangay Batasan with plate no. SFW644.

The vehicle—complete with the city's seal—was packed with food and beverage.

Lack of zeal

But whether they came for the money or not, the crowd that gathered for the rally hardly showed the cheer, zeal and attention span of groups expected to muster support for the President.

The attendance checks in the Taguig group were conducted just as a priest was a reciting a prayer onstage at around 4:30 p.m.

Applause mostly came just from those gathered in front of the stage, mostly members of a religious sect whose placards read "President GMA: Elected by the People, Annointed by God," and "We support the Appointed President (sic) of the Father."

Those in the open field either chatted the hours away, ambled about, or sat in smaller groups on the grass listening to the speeches with hardly a reaction.

No Superwoman

And in a program designed to project the Arroyo administration's drawing power despite the President's falling popularity rating and her public apology over the "Hello, Garci" tapes, one of the guest entertainers apparently picked the appropriate song.

The female singer who made up the opening acts to rev up the crowd rendered ballad titled "I'm not a superwoman."

Majority of those who came were government workers and students—and most of them said they were instructed to attend the event.

Required attendance

Several students from Manila and Quezon City, who did not wish to be identified, said they were required by their school officials to be present.

They said that they were also supplied with transportation allowance and packed lunches.

A female student from the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila was chided by her classmates when she told the INQUIRER that they were required by their school officials to join the rally.

One of them said they were told not to talk to the media but that they voluntarily came to support the President.

An employee from the Manila City Hall claimed there was an order from the "higher-ups" for them to be at Rizal Park or their P2000 monthly allowance would be put on hold.

"I really wanted PGMA to resign but my job is at stake here," a 45-year-old mother of three said. "Aside from that, I wouldn't be able to get my allowance. My family needs that. I have no choice."

Not a bad day

A worker from the Quezon City Hall said he and his companions were told by their superior to join the rally in exchange for a P300 "allowance."

"I would have wanted to rest and spend the day with my family but there was an order from our boss. Anyway, apart from the money, we were provided with transportation and food. Not bad," he said.

Leaders behind the well-oiled machinery that bused thousands to the park dismissed reports that the crowds were either paid at P150 to P500 per head or forced by local government "memos" to show up.

No funding

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza maintained in an INQUIRER interview that "there's no funding involved whatsoever."

"The barangays simply responded well," he said, adding that the 897 villages comprising Manila were expected to have produced "not less than 50,000" warm bodies for the rally.

Asked how he arrived at that figure, the mayor said each barangay under his turf can deliver at least 50 persons: 10 from village chair down to councilmen, at least 20 security personnel (barangay tanods), 10 from youth organizations, and 10 more from women's groups.

Nene: Artificial support

SENATE Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. assailed Ms Arroyo for using government personnel and money to mobilize "artificial support" for herself.

Pimentel claimed Ms Arroyo exploited local officials, from governors to barangay chiefs, for her "selfish political ends" by asking for their support in return for the release of the multibillion Internal Revenue Allotment.

"It is obvious that she is now trying to use all the wiles and the resources of the government officials to put up a facade of support from local government officials," he said.

Pimentel said even Ms Arroyo's half-sister, Cielo Salgado, and her relatives in Iligan City had not come out to defend her.

"We are wondering why from the good children of [the late President] Diosdado Macapagal, like Cielo Salgado, we have not heard them defending their half-sister," Pimentel said. *With reports from Philip C. Tubeza, Juliet Labog-Javellana, AP and Reuters*

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An animal and plant lover's haven

By Jocelyn R. Uy

IN A BUSY district of Pasay City, a small showcase of different flora and fauna is a major attraction.

Different varieties of fish, some brightly colored, others nondescript, peep through their newly washed or sometimes stained aquariums in several shops. In another section, plants—from the cheapest to the costly, rare ones—are traded everyday.

Nearby, another chain of stalls sells different breeds of dogs, their barks and the chirping of the birds creating an odd chorus.

The melange of stalls offering different flora and fauna is a popular feature of Cartimar, the shopping mecca that attracted customers from all over the country before the advent of huge shopping malls.

Established in 1951, the shopping center became the hub for PX (post exchange) goods from the defunct American military bases, branded clothes with no local distributors, and plants and animals selling at rock-bottom prices.

A part of life

For most shop owners, Cartimar, the treasure trove of cheap merchandise, is already a part of their lives.

That is certainly true for 30-year-old Michelle Recto, who manages a pet shop that is older than her.

"Actually, I inherited this from my mother," she tells the INQUIRER in an interview.

At the age of 18, her mother, Leticia, left Negros Occidental to look for a job in Metro Manila.

Leticia was hired by a pet shop that sold tropical fishes in Cartimar, Recto says.

After three years as an employee, in 1968, Leticia decided to put up her own pet shop bearing her name, Letty's Pet Shop.

The business flourished even more when Leticia met Francisco Jimenez, a fish-lover and a businessman, Recto says.

"My father was not only fond of fishes, he also built aquarium tanks," she says.

Aquarium pioneer

She adds that Francisco pioneered the selling of aquarium tanks in Cartimar. The tanks cost from P100 to P200,000, depending on size.

While her father built tanks, Leticia sold fishes placed inside oxygenated plastic bags—which she carried in a "bayong"—to pet shops in other parts of Metro Manila. The fishes were imported from neighboring countries then, Recto says.

"She (Leticia) would buy in bulk various tropical fishes from Chinese suppliers, and then she would sell them at retail prices to pet shop owners in the metropolis," she says.

In the '90s, when the family business was booming, the Rectos started their own breeding farm in Pila, Laguna, which is now being managed by Francisco.

"We no longer buy fishes from other suppliers. We supply them now," Recto says.

The family raises around 50 to 60 varieties of fish in their farm, including goldfish of different kinds, angelfish, parti-colored fighter fish, silver dollars, carps and sharks that are shipped all over the country.

The fishes reach Davao, Zamboanga, Iloilo, Bacolod, Cebu, Bohol, Cotabato, Cagayan de Oro, Dagupan, Baguio, La Union, Olongapo, Zambales, Laguna, Batangas, Cavite and Naga City, Recto adds.

ROWS of pet and plant shops greet enthusiasts at this flora and fauna haven in Cartimar, Pasay City.
RODEL ROTONI

Aside from tropical fishes, the family's two shops—one for retail, and the other for wholesale trading—also carry colorful aquarium ornaments and equipment, cans of fish food and posters. These are all for sale, too, says Recto's husband, Carlo.

Despite the rise of several large shopping malls, Cartimar still gets a sizeable share of customers from different social classes.

Politicians, famous basketball players, actors and actresses are among the Rectos' customers. She also gets the occasional nameless rich, hobbyists, middle class walk-ins and feng shui believers, Recto says.

"They still come here despite the popularity of air-conditioned malls because of our low prices," Recto explains.

Goldfish sell for P5 to P10 each in bulk or P20 per piece. In malls, they cost as much as P35 each. Prices of Angelfish, Panda Barb, Silver Dollar, Fighting Fish and Marble Molly range from P10 to P25 each.

The Silver Arowana, a fish considered lucky, sells for P300 to P800 while the more expensive variety, the Red Golden Arowana, can cost from P20,000 to P25,000.

The latest favorite among feng shui believers, the Flowerhorn, like the King of the Golden Monkey and the Super Red Syn, sells from P150 to P2,500.

"Aside from our cheap prices, the place (Cartimar) is also accessible. One could take the LRT, the jeepney or taxi," Recto says. She adds customers visit the place because it is a one-stop shop for plants and pets.

Recto, along with her four siblings, were raised in Cartimar.

"Before, this was also our home, so we really grew up here," she says, pointing out that stalls in Cartimar are mostly two-story structures. The first floor is the shop, while the second floor is home for the stall owner and his/her family.

"This pet shop was the only source of livelihood for our parents. Now that it has been handed down to the second generation, it is also my means of providing for my children," she says.

Recto, who has two children, has managed the 37-year-old pet shop with her older sister and her husband since 1997.

Virginia de Guzman's story is not much different from Recto's.

Her store, Gigi's Pet Shop, was spawned by her mother Romy's pet shop.

Since the '60s

"This has been the family business since the 1960s," De Guzman tells the INQUIRER as she attends to her parakeets and African love birds.

She sells a pair of parakeets for P300 to P350, while a pair of African love birds costs from P900 to P1000.

Weekends are usually the busiest, with customers from different walks of life visiting the place. Even students patronize her shop.

But what is most significant, she explains, is that when one buys pets in Cartimar, vendors do not only sell the animals, but also give prospective owners tips on how to take care of their live purchases.

"We are not just after the money. We want what's best for our customers, too," De Guzman says. Recto agrees.

Although Gigi's Pet Shop was put up only in 1995, De Guzman says "the business in Cartimar is my family's bread and butter."

As for plants, orchids like Banda and Dendrobium cost P100 to P300 each in Carimar. The Money Tree can be bought for P400-P500, says Ana Mangarin, who sells plants just a few stalls away from Letty's Pet Shop.

Makati City 'bomb' turns out to be a treat

By Jocelyn R. Uy
and Nancy C. Carvajal

TIME stopped briefly—at least in the minds of some residents of a barangay in Makati City—yesterday before noon when police checked the contents of a bag that was abandoned on a street.

It was one of two bomb scares that hit Metro Manila.

At 11 a.m., a backpack was left in front of a restaurant on Bautista Street near Emilia Street, Barangay Palanan, and caused some residents and passersby to panic.

Maila Morfe, 22, who lived nearby, was passing by when she saw the Makati City special weapons and tactics team inspecting the backpack.

"We thought it was a bomb," a visibly worried Morfe told the INQUIRER.

She said she also saw about three policemen rerouting traffic on Bautista and Emilia while the bag was being checked.

SPO3 Edwin Quilala said the bag was left there by two men riding in tandem on a motorcycle. The duo had been stopped by patrolling police for verification.

The two men later apparently forgot about the bag when they left, Quilala added.

Later, everyone heaved a sigh of relief when the backpack was opened and no bomb was found inside.

However, police and bystanders differed in what they saw was taken out of the bag.

According to Quilala, the backpack contained a motorcycle starter and a coil of rope.

But Jay Rongcales, 30, a pedicab driver who plied the streets of Barangay Palanan, saw something more interesting.

"The bag contained a chunk of *lechon* (roasted pig) and two raincoats," he said in Filipino.

In fact, Rongcales added, the policemen left the *lechon*, which was in a plastic bag, on a tree.

Moments later, a man from the neighborhood took the roasted pork and brought it home.

"It seemed that he did not want the *lechon* to go to waste," the pedicab driver said.

Earlier in the day, another bomb scare forced the suspension of classes at the College of Mass Communication (CMC) of the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City.

A police report said CMC student Edison Demen received a text message on his cell phone at 6:40 a.m. yesterday warning that a bomb would explode in the CMC building.

"UP College of Mass Communication will explode between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. today, July 16. Please inform the office," the message read as quoted in the report by SPO4 Gilbert Pilarca of the Central Police District bomb squad.

Demen told police that he did not know the sender of the message sent through mobile phone number "0928-3251955."

Police searched the CMC building but found no explosives.

Prof. Danilo Arao of the Journalism Department blamed the government for the scare.

He said the University Council on June 13 approved a statement which called for the resignation of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Aguilar tells barangay execs to fight crime

LAS PIÑAS City Mayor Imelda Aguilar has told the chairs of the city's 20 barangays to mobilize their respective village watchmen to help stop criminals from victimizing homeowners.

Aguilar called on the village executives as she instructed Criminal Investigation Division director Chief Supt. Efrain Sindico to maximize police patrols and visibility operations after a reported rise in the number of burglaries in the city this month.

In a previous interview, Sindico said their efforts to curb crime were continuous but added that policemen "could not be in every place all at the same time."

He then sought the cooperation of residents in the drive.

Aguilar herself reminded residents to be vigilant and do their share in coordinating with barangay officials and police.

Sindico encouraged the public to immediately call the police once they see suspicious persons in their neighborhoods.

He also reminded homeowners of the many subdivisions in the city to notify their village guards when they plan to leave their houses.

In the report submitted by police to the mayor, a total of 20 robberies were recorded in Las Piñas from February to June.

Last week, there were six cases reported between July 1 and 5.

Suspects had been arrested and were facing charges before courts, the report said. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

Caloocan City closes factory

ACTING on the complaints of residents affected by fumes emitted by a plastics factory, Caloocan City officials on Friday closed down the facility.

"We have received reports from the residents complaining of foul odor coming from the factory," said Russel Ramirez, the mayor's secretary.

He said ordered closed was a plastics factory owned by one Richard Ang.

Wisteria Enterprises Factory at 61 Heroes del '96, Barangay 74, which makes straw materials, was the subject of the complaint.

Ramirez said they were investigating reports that a child had died due to constant inhalation of fumes reportedly emitted by the factory.

"These are still unconfirmed reports," he said.

A closure order signed by Mayor Enrico Echiverri and carried out by City Health and police officials was enforced at 5 p.m. Friday.

The order was received by Cirilo Guno, a caretaker of the factory.

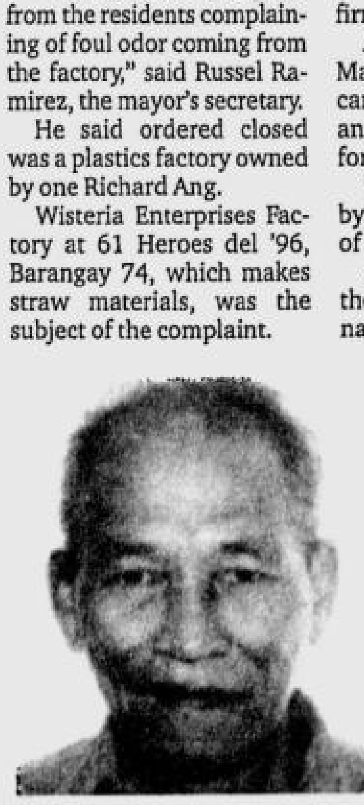
According to the order, the factory violated Ordinance No. 0326.

Based on the recommendations of the city health officer, an establishment found to produce hazardous substances may lose its sanitary permit, which then leads to the revocation of its business permit.

"We did not encounter any resistance from the people at the factory," said Senior Insp. Rodrigo Soriano, head of the City Hall police detachment that provided security to the team that implemented the order.

The owner was not around when the order was served. *Nancy C. Carvajal*

Conrad is missing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CONRADO Napugan, 80, has been missing since the eve of Dec. 29, 2003. He was last seen in front of his house at 37 Ipil St., Project 3, Quezon City. Napugan, who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease, speaks Tagalog, English and Ilonggo. His relatives describe him as always talking about setting up lots of *nata de coco* factories all over the country, and expecting large amounts of money coming in from some faraway country.

Those who have any information regarding his whereabouts may contact Regina SJ Napugan at 913-7443 or 0917-5399732.

Jails purged of bad eggs

SEEKING to weed out scalawags in the public service, Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes ordered the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) to sustain a campaign to stop extortion activities in the country's detention centers.

Reyes ordered BJMP chief Director Arturo Alit to keep alive "Operation Kontra-Balukol" amid complaints from inmates in the National Capital Region against erring jail personnel.

"Balukol" is jail lingo for extortion.

"There should be no let-up in this campaign against 'kotong' jail personnel," Reyes stressed.

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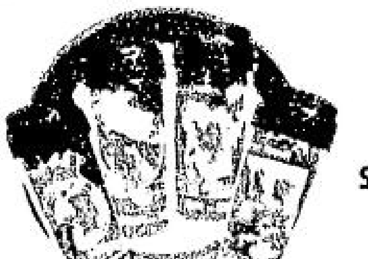

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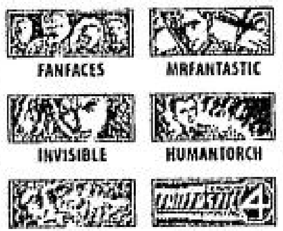

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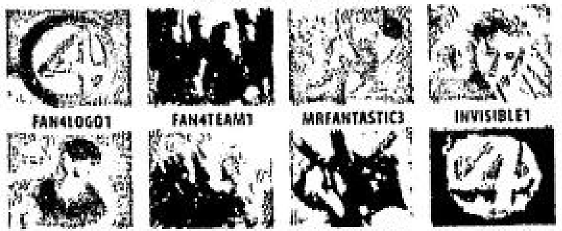

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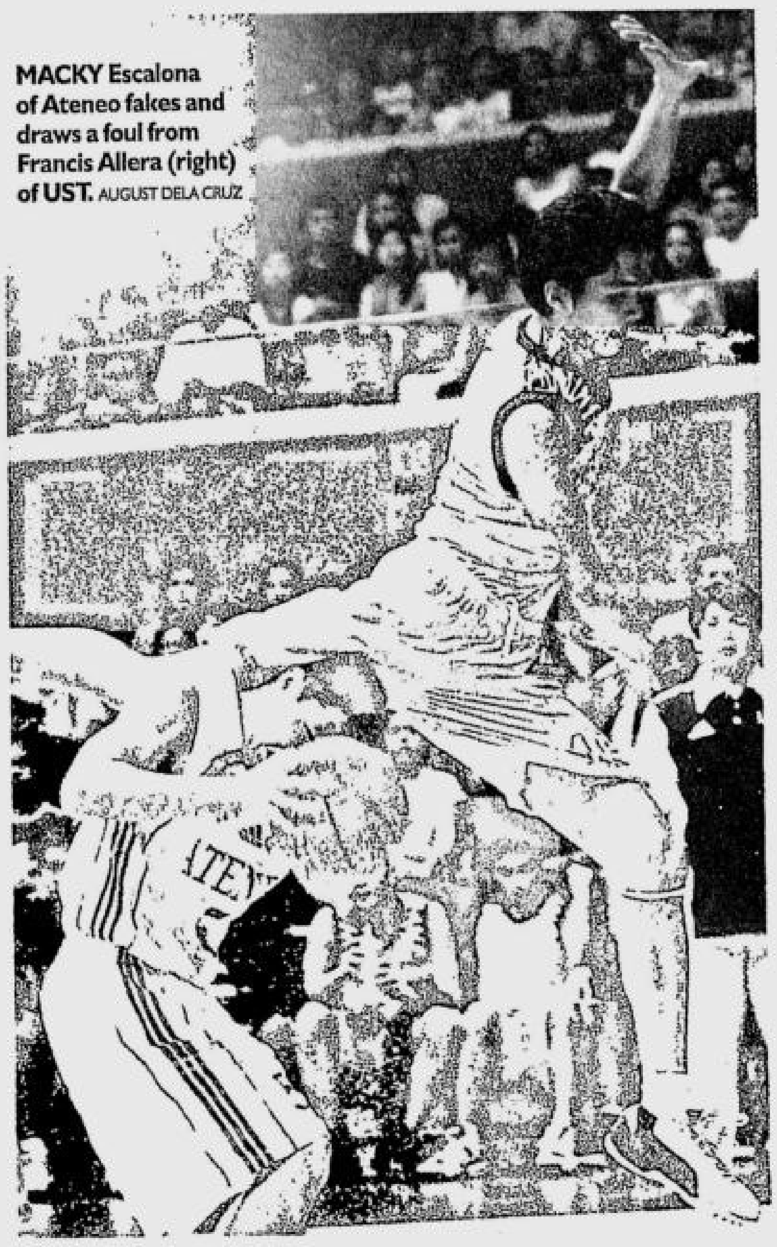
MACKY Escalona of Ateneo fakes and draws a foul from Francis Allera (right) of UST. AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Tams down Falcons

GAMES TODAY (*Blue Eagle Gym*)
10 a.m.—NU vs UP (Jrs)
12 p.m.—La Salle vs UE (Jrs)
2 p.m.—NU vs UP(Srs)
4 p.m.—La Salle vs UE (Srs)

By Jasmine W. Payo

DICTATING the pace early on, the Far Eastern U Tamaraws easily wore down the Adamson Falcons, 68-51, to grab a share of the lead in the UAAP basketball tournament yesterday at the Araneta Coliseum.

"We were able to stop their running game and their big men," said FEU coach Bert Flores.

After delivering a double-double performance in the opener, Mark Isip again powered the Tamaraws' charge with 17 points and six rebounds.

Flores, though, continued to demand consistency even after the Tamaraws joined the University of the Philippines on top at 2-0.

"We need to improve on our defense," noted Flores. "We played good defense at the start and then we relaxed a bit."

It wasn't a cruise, though, for the Ateneo Eagles, who withstood the Sto. Tomas Tigers' late run for a 79-72 triumph.

LA Tenorio posted a triple-double with 15 points, 11 rebounds and 12 assists for the Eagles.

"We had better communication on the floor and he (Tenorio) executed our offense well," said coach Norman Black. "It's his energy that will fuel this team."

Forward JC Intal was one rebound shy of a double-double, finishing with 22 points, nine rebounds and two blocks.

Ateneo improved to a 1-1 card along with Adamson, La Salle and University of the East.

"After last Sunday, we struggled with our confidence," said Black, whose Eagles suffered a blowout loss against rival La Salle. "But we got our confidence level back, we accomplished it with this win."

Just when it appeared that the Eagles were in control behind Tenorio and Intal, 70-56, the Tigers dropped an 8-0 bomb to narrow the gap by six, 70-64, with 2:54 left.

A Jai Reyes basket ended the Eagles scoring drought, 72-64, and Intal finished off the Tigers.

The Tamaraws jumped to a 20-10 lead before the Falcons rallied to within a point, 22-21.

But the Tamaraws quickly regained their bearings to push the lead back in double figures, 37-25.

FEU leader Arwind Santos shot only four points but grabbed 17 rebounds.

The Tamaraws led by as many as 17 points, 47-30, early in the third quarter.

Meanwhile, the Pumaren brothers will face off today as Franz's La Salle battles Dindo's University of the East at 4 p.m.

The scores:

First game

FEU 68—Isip 17, Chan 13, Rizada 8, Villanueva 7, Barcellano 6, Fernandez 5, Santos 4, Mangahas 4, Dela Cruz 4, Saldua 0, Nietes 0, Flores 0, Adolfo 0.

ADAMSON 51—Hate 12, Cabahug 10, Bono 9, Agustin 8, Canuday 4, Tiongco 3, Tajonera 2, Gonzaldo 2, Poloyapoy 1, Yong 0, Hugnatan 0, Capati 0.

Quarters: 20-10, 39-27, 55-43, 68-51.

Second game

ATENEO 79—Intal 22, Tenorio 15, Arao 12, Escalona 11, Kramer 9, Membrere 3, Reyes 2, Quimson 2, Barracoso 2, Aguilar 1, Del Rosario 0.

UST 72—Pribhdas 13, Allera 11, Evangelista 8, Ababou 8, Duncil 7, Espiritu 7, De Guzman 7, Dizon 6, Cortez 5, Taylor 0, Cuan 0, Crisostomo 0.

Quarters: 21-16, 38-33, 59-51, 79-72.

Asistio cops 8th in Junior World

By Jong Arcano

ASISTIO PDI PHOTO

SAN DIEGO—Tonton Asistio, underscoring his billing as the future of Philippine golf, ended his country's disappointing finishes in the centerpiece 15-17 years division by sharing eighth place in the annual Junior World championships which ended here Friday (Saturday in Manila).

A day after he turned 16, Asistio gave himself a belated birthday present with his best score in four days of three-under-par 69 at Torrey Pines South for a 292 total. It was four strokes off the totals of Japan's Yuki Ito and Chinarat Phadungsil of Thailand who tied for the top spot.

Asistio, scoring an eagle and five birdies against four bogeys in the final round, was the first RP entry to barge into the elite Top 10 in nearly two decades since Carito Villaroman's back-to-back victory in 1985-86 and Ramon Brobio's runner-up finish in 1987.

The deep talent pool of the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines also became evident with Miko Yee's 12th place finish that complemented the superb showing of RP bets in the lower divisions. Yee settled for a 72 after reeling back with three consecutive bogeys from the 14th and wound up at 295.

On Thursday, Wolen Superal delivered a 17th title for the country with a record-setting triumph in the boys' 11-12 division.

Despite playing hurt with a dislocated hip due for an operation, Superal flexed his driving might with a six-shot victory at the shortened Cottonwood Golf Club in El Cajon where he set scoring records for the 72 holes at 21-under-par and for 18 holes at 10-under 64.

Superal was given a testimonial lunch on Saturday by the Fil-Am community headed by Sam Samson of the Philippine consular services and his family will be treated to visits to Disneyland and Universal Studios before they fly back to Manila on Tuesday.

For finishing among the Top 20 out of the 120 entries from more than 40 countries who played here, Asistio and Yee, who are teammates at Manila Southwoods, are already assured of slots for next year's competitions even without going through the usual Philippine qualifying.

Another RP bet who survived the 54-hole cutoff score, Matthew Manotoc, struggled with a 76-305 and wound up in 48th place.

Southwoods coach Bong Lopez said that Asistio and Yee certainly have what it takes to end the country's title drought in the 15-17 division.

"They have two more years to compete in their division and since they have already proven that they can compete against the best, I think they will have a better chance next year," said Lopez who took a side trip to San Diego after joining his most famous students in several legs of the LPGA.

The stint of the RP kids in the Junior World is sponsored by Philippine Airlines, Samsung, Bernie Cabrera, Iselectric Ltd., Manila Southwoods, Capitol Hills, Makati Golf and Unilever.

Velazquez stops foe, braces for Pacquiao

By Salven L. Lagumbay
Contributor

MEXICAN Hector Velazquez yesterday served strong notice to pound-for-pound great Manny Pacquiao as he demolished Trinidad Mendoza in the fifth round at the Aragon Ballroom in Chicago, Illinois.

The Tijuana-based Velazquez dropped Mendoza with a body shot in the fourth, then jumped on his foe in the fifth with two lefts to stop the bout at the 1:25 mark.

The win put Velazquez's streak to fifth since last year, improving his record to 42 wins, 10 losses, 2 draws with 31 knockouts.

More important, the win earned for Velazquez a big-money showdown with Pacquiao on an HBO-televised bout on Sept. 10.

On the same card, Mexican icon Erik Morales battles Zahir Raheem in the co-headliner.

Promoter Bob Arum, interviewed by the media earlier, has hinted that should Morales and Pacquiao come out unscathed in the September show, the plan is to pit them in a pay-per-view rematch in December.

Pacquiao will leave for the United States at the end of this month to start his preparation for Velazquez under trainer Freddie Roach.

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Taekwondo moves to Cuneta

By Marc Anthony Reyes

TAEKWONDO, one of the centerpiece events of the 2005 Southeast Asian Games, will now be held at the Cuneta Astrodome instead of the Cebu Coliseum.

This was confirmed yesterday by Philippine Taekwondo Association president Robert Aventajado who said he regretted having made the change of venue but maintained that the association was just doing the right thing.

Though it is not expected to have any effect in terms of crowd attendance, its repercussion will work against Cebu City, one of the SEA Games satellite hubs, as it just lost one of the key sports events slated in the city.

"We really wanted to hold it in the Visayas and promote the sport vigorously in the south," Aventajado told the INQUIRER. "But there are a few thing that were done (in the Cebu Coliseum) which forced us to move."

Aventajado, the concurrent Philippine Olympic Committee chair and Philippine SEA Games organizing committee official, refused to detail the reasons that prompted them to flee Cebu City which is also hosting six other SEAG events.

But sources said Cebu City promised to put up air-conditioning units for the venue which was one of the requirements of the PTA. But the plan was reportedly junked as it would cost millions of pesos to acquire and install the units.

Cebu City will be left with judo, karatedo, sepak takraw, pencak silat, dancesports and cycling which don't measure up to the crowd pull and the medal chances of taekwondo.

The PTA has earlier vowed to win at least eight gold medals and the overall championship in the competition. The national team has been training in Korea for more than a month now and is undergoing military camp in Seoul.

In contrast, Bacolod City will stage only five sports disciplines, including top drawer and medal-rich boxing, beach and indoor volleyball, weightlifting and men's football. Subic will host triathlon, cycling and sailing.

Woods, Wolen & RJ's Bloomfields

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

WILL Tiger Woods proceed to win the 134th British Open?

I believe so.

At the rate he is playing, he might yet duplicate his runaway, 8-stroke victory in 2000 at the same course—the St. Andrews in Scotland, golf's birthplace.

Woods is minus 11 after his 66-67=133. He is ahead by four strokes over Colin Montgomerie (71-66=137).

History is also on Woods' side. He won the 2000 US Open, 2000 PGA and 2005 Masters when Jack Nicklaus, generally acknowledged as the best golfer of all time, played his farewell game in all three majors. Nicklaus also played his last British Open this year, missing the cut by 2 with his 75-72=147, despite birdying 18 yesterday.

In taking the first-round with his 66, Woods appears really on course of winning his 10th major to trail Nicklaus by 8. Woods has won six of eight tournaments when he led in the first round.

We will know by dawn tomorrow if Woods will become the ninth American in the last 11 years to win the British Open.

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ON the local front, I doff my hat off to Wolen Superal, who won the 11-12 year-old division plum in the just-concluded World Golf Juniors in San Diego, California. He did it in record-breaking fashion as he posted a stirring 21-under total in the 54-hole event, finishing wire-to-wire. He set the tone of his overwhelming rout of his rivals by shooting 10-under in the first round.

I predict a rosy future for Wolen because his father, Wendy, is determined to make his son a great golfer. Wendy himself was once the coach of our national golf team.

Shades of Earl-Tiger combination?

Remember, Tiger was molded into what he is today by his father Earl, a Green Beret in the Vietnam War with a reputation for strictness and adherence to the highest tenets of discipline.

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RAMON "RJ" Jacinto, the country's purist rock 'n' roll practitioner nonpareil, always plays it fair and square, music-wise. He has proven this again when he hired The Bloomfields to perform on all five Fridays of July at his RJ Guitar Bar on Jupiter St. in Makati.

An Ateneo Blue Eagle to the core, RJ doesn't mind that The Bloomfields are from De La Salle.

"These kids have what it takes to hit the big time some day," RJ said of The Bloomfields. "I'm musically bound to help nurture their career."

The Bloomfields are kids barely out of their teens who, quite surprisingly, are Sixties music freaks.

My favorite pastime, besides playing golf, is listening to music.

Friends keep saying I should check The Bloomfields out. "They do unbelievable numbers," they tell me.

Finally, I got to watch them perform on Friday, in the company of Danny "Sir John" Isla, among others.

To my surprise, I found The Bloomfields to be more than good. Hey, they can hack it. They are like a bunch of Lebrons storming the NBA: They are boys tossed into a man's world but, boy oh boy, they can give their elders a run for their money anytime.

From the drummer to the bassist, the five youngsters do their thing beyond their age.

"They are now my idol," said Vernon Beatles Sarne, the motoring editor of The Manila Times.

They do rock 'n' roll stuff as though they were born to do it.

"They are kids performing like adults in an adult party," said Sol Juvida, columnist for Planet Philippines. "They make us feel like they are not kids but as adults doing adult stuff. What a phenomenon. They are really one of a kind."

Their Beatles repertoire is still a little coarse but some coaching from a Beatlemaniac can easily remedy that. They are more of the Beach Boys type.

They have the Sixties sound, all right, to the delight of a packed audience mainly populated by baby boomers.

When the clock ticked 12 midnight, the band did their original Happy Birthday song in honor of the July 16 celebrators—the Times' Brian Afuang and Maricar Marty, the love of Ariel de Jesus' life. Joy Isla coaxed everybody to raise a glass. Bong Barrameda responded heartily, even tipping his ubiquitous black baseball cap. Nes and Nona Benito chorused: "Happy Birthday!"

Adding RJ's unfading energy on stage as The Bloomfields took a break, the night would glide gleefully till the wee hours of the morning.

Ah, life. You don't have music, your brain becomes unsound.

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Bring back crowd is Capacio's goal

By June Navarro

CAPACIO

GONE were the days when Ely Capacio looks up at the rafters and sees a swarm of countless fans cheering for their favorite teams.

Now, the newly installed Philippine Basketball Association chair has vowed to bring back the crowd lost in recent years nearly two decades after he hung up his sneakers.

"I was there when the venues were filled to the rafters," said Capacio after taking over the reins from Buddy Encarnado of Sta. Lucia Realty and presiding in his first PBA board meeting last Thursday.

"To fill them (rafters) up just like before will be the main objective for the coming season," added the former Tanduay slotman, who helped the Elizalde-owned ballclub capture three championships in 1985 and 1986.

But just like any other product, a strategic marketing scheme should be put in place and Capacio knows it pretty well.

"For this year, we have to address the marketing side of the league. It is basically the key to bring back the fans," said Capacio. "We have to fix the house so to speak."

A tall order, indeed. But for a man whose career came full circle, Capacio isn't new to the ways of the PBA.

From hardcourt idol, champion coach, alternate governor, governor to league chair, he has been in the business for the past 30 years.

"I'm not a good player but I've been around when you were still small," Capacio told this reporter.

The first PBA player to become league chair, Capacio began his playing career with YCO in the Micaa, winning three championships before making his PBA debut with Tanduay in 1979.

The 6-foot-4 Capacio, probably the only player who earned two bachelor diplomas and a masters degree, retired in 1986 despite a live one-year contract, allowing Tanduay to then sign former Ateneo hotshot Steve Watson.

A philosophy and behavioral science graduate from La Salle, Capacio, 50, finished at the top of his business masteral class in 2000 at the Asian Institute of Management and is currently the human resources manager of San Miguel Corp.'s food division.

In 1991, Capacio steered Purefoods to a championship crown by coming out of a 0-2 hole in a best-of-five series against business rival Swift of coach Yeng Guiao.

"Throughout my career, there are different people who influenced me. I owe a lot to a lot of people but it's unfair to mention certain names without naming them all," said Capacio.

"I guess it's time to repay the game that has been good to me."

For starters, Capacio will try to lay down the directions on the day-to-day affairs of the league by drawing a thin line that separates the commissioner's office and the Board of Governors.

"There are issues that should be left to the care of the commissioner," said Capacio. "The commissioner's office should take care of the league's operations while the board creates the rules and policies."

Certain policies, he stressed, were also laid down to heal the financial ailment of the league, whose coffers have been bleeding since last season's transition period.

"My only fear on taking this job is the time. I'm loaded with work so the chairmanship is definitely a big challenge."

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
TV GUIDE
Sunday, July 17, 2005

HOLLYWOOD DREAM
Hosted by Eric Quizon

THE DREAM BEGINS JULY 17! The much-talked-about reality show "Hollywood Dream" will finally begin! Find out who will get a chance to fly to New York and Los Angeles, meet Hollywood producers and casting directors, get a Screen Actors Guild card, appear on "As the World Turns" and land a role in 2 movies being produced in Hollywood!

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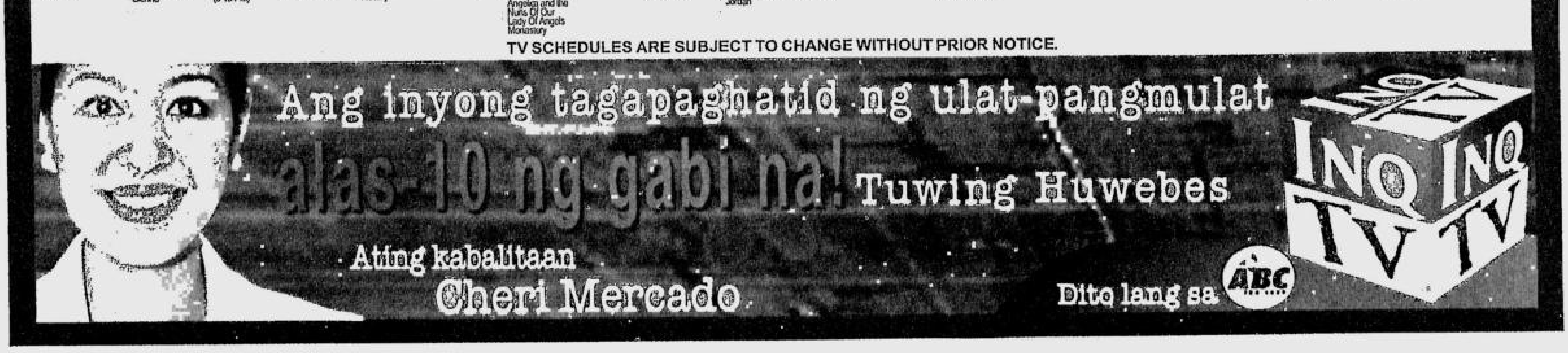
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Promising 2-year-olds gird for Juvenile races

By Edwin Villanueva
Contributor

REAL Spicy proved a cut above the rest in 2004 but this year's battle for juvenile supremacy may be a toss-up among a bunch of promising 2-year-old gallopers.

The opening legs of the Juvenile Championships unfold three weeks from now and this early, anxiety is building up particularly in the Colts Stakes where newcomers Dixie the Younger, Kilimanjaro, Manila's Smile and Speed Bullet are tipped to figure for top honors.

Former racing commissioner Francis Trillana Jr. and his son, Michael, are fielding in Dixie the Younger alongside Kilimanjaro, while the Puyat and Yutadco Stables are banking on Manila's Smile and Speed Bullet, respectively.

Dixie the Younger, sired by Khozaam out of Dixie Cup, won the sweepstakes special race recently while Kilimanjaro is also showing impressive form in his tune-up runs. Together, they could form formidable coupled bets for the Trillanas.

Manila's Smile, a son of Manila's Finest out of Wink 'N Smile, also caught the fans' fancy following a couple of courageous runs, while Speed Bullet, a chestnut progeny of Self Feeder out of Net Worth, has shown vast improvement since his defeat in the sweepstakes special.

In the Fillies Stakes, it could be a wide-open fray among Hermie Esguerra's Kaligatan (Bite the Bullet-Kayumanggi), the Laqui Stable's Kat's Magic (Lite the Fuse-Kiss and Run), Sy Stable's Erica's Talent (Wild Zone-Welsh Bunny) and the Rolling Green Farms' Candu (Medium Cool-Street Dancer) and Rosebud (Yonder-Lady Majestic). In fact, fans will get a preview of the opening leg today when the five candidates compete in an allowance race at Santa Ana.

"We expect a very exciting race in the Juvenile Championships this year considering the class and the promise being shown by the probable entries," said Jimmy Dilag, chair of the sponsoring Philracom.

The first legs of the Juvenile Colts and Fillies blast off Aug. 7 at the San Lazaro Leisure Park with the winners getting P600,000 each.

Other possible entries in the Colts' Stakes are Key Element (Conquistarose-Defiance), Latin Success (Khozaam-Latin Dancer), Mighty Story (Strong Material-Mighty Perfect), Golden Number (Candi's Gold-Secret Number), Lucky Joe (Yonder-Going Away) and Ho Ho Ho (Light Speed-World Class).

RACING TIPS

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Race 2—1. Empire State 2. American Beauty 3. Run Doding Fly 4. Hummingbird
Race 3—1. Going Strike 2. Apex 3. Strong Colony 4. Jay Nicole/My Rabbonnie
Race 4—1. Fancy Dancer 2. Prophet 3. Secret Angel 4. Hot Babe
Race 5—1. Desert Breeze 2. Fastteller 3. Blue Face 4. Collective Dreams
Race 6—1. Jet Sutter 2. Fahrenheit 3. Pechanga
Race 7—1. Kaligatan 2. Kat's Magic 3. Candu/Rosebud 4. Erica's Talent
Race 8—1. Beat D Ace 2. Red Storm 3. China Woman 4. Prince Aidan
Race 9—1. Sound Offer 2. Being There 3. Hellfire/Last Snip
Race 10—1. Material Ruler 2. Bunker Buster 3. U Are My Sunshine 4. Money Man
Race 11—1. Tropical Sun 2. Gold Money 3. Happy Again 4. Yours Truly
Race 12—1. Jokes Only 2. Gutsy 3. Five O'Clock 4. Top Quest
Race 13—1. Silver Music 2. Bom's Bom's 3. Wild Orphan 4. Trouble Master 5. Miss Bobon 6. Mercury Rising

Rotary golf leg Aug. 25

ROTARY Golfing Fellowship Foundation of the Philippines (RGFFP) has joined hands with Philippine Airlines' Palakbayan program for the staging of the 19th RGFFP Southern Leg tournament on Aug. 25-26 at the Rancho Palos Verdes and Apo Golf and Country Club courses in Davao City.

PAL president Jimmy Bautista endorsed the Palakbayan program to RGFFP.

Under the program, the player has to fly by PAL from Manila to Davao and back, spend five days and four nights in a superior room (double occupancy) at the Grand Regal Hotel, play up to four rounds of golf and attend fiestas every night and win prizes all for P12,485.

Early birds include 23 Rotarians from RC of Bagumbayan, Manila, and 15 from RC of Sto. Domingo, Quezon City.

Contact RGFFP Secretariat's Pauline B. Sevilla (0920-9199000) or Leah Grubat (0920-9087635) at 7212667 loc. 110, fax 7215940 or e-mail rgffp1987@yahoo.com or Noel of Golf Holidays at 5881495.

SPORTSWATCH

Adidas Streetball Mindanao finals

SURVIVORS of the grueling Mindanao elims fight it out for berths in the national finals of the adidas Streetball Challenge at the NCCC Mall Atrium in Davao City today. Team Acoustic of Barangay Talon-Talon and Team Articulate of Barangay Camaman-an lead the chase for the seniors crown with the former coming off a big romp in the Zamboanga elims and the latter topping the Cagayan de Oro qualifiers of the event sponsored by top sports apparel adidas. Heading the cast in the girls' division are Team Ganador of Barangay Carmen and Team Galaxy of Western Mindanao U, winners of the Cagayan de Oro and Zamboanga elims. The Davao qualifiers, which drew a record 160-team field, are being played at presstime.

Corporate and Celebrity badminton

SPORTSHOUSE, in cooperation with Carlton Philippines, will hold the 2005 Corporate and Celebrity Invitational Badminton tournament starting July 18. A total of 19 teams, led by JVC Open corporate division champion Philippine Star, are seeing action in the week-long event organized by Team Powerplay and sanctioned by the Philippine Badminton Association. Eliminations will be played from July 18-21 at the Club 650 in Libis, Quezon City, while the semifinal and final round will be held from July 22-24 at the SM Megamall Atrium in Mandaluyong City. Present during the tournament launch last July 9 at Dencio's Bar and Grill in Ortigas were former Philippine National Police chief and Philippine Badminton Association vice president Edgardo Aglipay, Cecile Reyes, general manager of Dunlop Slazenger International Inc., exclusive distributor of Carlton badminton products in the Philippines, and Sportshouse president Mars Chua. Competing in the classic division are 3M Philippines, Philippine Daily Inquirer, San Miguel Corp., PLDT, Pagcor, Manila Bulletin, NBI-NCR, Slazenger, Panasonic, Celestron and Meralco.

Earham-Dinoy bout in Fistorama

TANDUAY Fistorama features this afternoon a bruising 10-round flyweight bout between Jun Earham and Along Dinoy. The bout was held recently at the Mandaue Sports Complex in Cebu in a fight card promoted by Sammy Gello-ani and is shown worldwide through ABS-CBN Global's The Filipino Channel/Pinoy Central TV. The event, supported by Tanduay, PCSO and Mapecon, is aired nationwide at 4 p.m., Sundays on RPN 9. "Golf Power Plus," supported by PCSO and Samsung, featuring the elimination round of the Cantada Sports Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Challenge airs at 3 p.m.

LGBA Gamecocks Forum Aug. 4 and 5

"ALL ABOUT Gamecocks Forum II," a highly informative seminar about gamecocks being spearheaded by Luzon Gamecock Breeders Association (LGBA) and Rooster Media Productions is set on Aug. 4 and 5 at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City. LGBA president Rene "Boy" Diaz said the affair is a chance for upcoming breeders to hear and learn the trade secrets of established breeders, as well as update their knowledge on the latest techniques in breeding and conditioning. Last year, the "All About Gamecocks Forum I" was a huge success, with 160 participants, including *balikbayans*. For reservations, call 9267808, 9245072 or 0920-5851940 (look for Taz Lunazco). Registration fee is P3,500 for LGBA members and P5,000 for non-members, inclusive of lunch and snacks for two days, kit bags, IDs, souvenir programs, certificates of attendance and a chance to win parent stock and breeder trios from respectable gamecock breeders.

Dexter shoes key to good stroke

THE FOUNDATION on which any good stroke is built is always to be found in the feet: hence the importance of the golf shoe to improving your game. Joven Babaan of Proline Sports Center said that this is one of the reasons why Dexter Shoes has invested a lot of research and trial in coming up with the cutting edge in shoe technology for the discriminating golfer. "Whether you are a scratch handicapper or a newcomer, Dexter has the ideal pair of golf shoes to fit your game," said Babaan. "Dexter provides exceptional comfort with many tasteful patterns." Proline, one of the country's oldest and largest sporting goods and equipment merchant, is offering the Dexter Blast golf shoes which features durable rubber outsole with EVA midsole.

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GAIL EMMS

BADMINTON CHAMPS: Britain's world No. 1 mixed doubles tandem of Nathan Robertson and Gail Emms promote badminton in a recent press conference at the SM Megamall Atrium. The British pair, silver medalists in the 2004 Athens Olympics and champions in the All-England and Swiss Open, are sponsored by Carlton, which is exclusively distributed in the Philippines by Dunlop Slazenger International Inc. With them are Dunlop general manager Cecille Reyes and marketing manager Roland So.

Manila sweeps chessfest

BAGUIO CITY—Manila wood pushers swept the second leg of the 2005 Shell National Youth Active Chess Championships held recently at the SM Baguio Atrium here.

Nineteen-year-old Eugene Pimentel of the University of the East scored 6.5 points in seven rounds to top the junior category (20 years old and below) while Jude Emil Fronda, 13, of San Juan de Letran High School also scored 6.5 points to rule the kiddies' category (14 years old and below).

Pimentel, who was named after Grandmaster Eugene Torre and a Board 3 player of UE, will be joined by second placer Vic Neil Villanueva of University of Santo Tomas and third placer Jayson Salubre of De La Salle University in the grand finals slated in October.

Aezon Fernandez of Saint Louis University and UST's Jan Paragua, younger brother of GM Mark Paragua, also scored six points but they had lower tie break points. In the kiddies' category, qualifying with Fronda were Amram Ezra Rivas of the Philippine Normal University and John Ranel Morazo of Interworld College in Paniqui, Tarlac. *Frank Cimatu, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Robinsons Land wins

ROBINSONS Land Corp.'s Team A beat Cebu Pacific to win the team championship in the recent 3rd Gokongwei Group Badminton Tournament (GGBT) held at the Olympic Badminton Center. The combined teams of JG Summit and URC Flour bagged third spot. Last year's champion team, Sun Cellular, was not able to make it to the top 5 this year. Participants came from the various business units and corporate center divisions of the Gokongwei Group, including three teams from Universal Robina Corp. (URC), three teams from the Retail Group, two teams from Summitmedia, two teams from Robinsons Land, JG-URC Flour, Cebu Pacific, JG Management Trainees, Petrochemical, Sun Cellular, Digitel, Robinsons Bank, Litton Mills and the Comptrollership Division. The 3rd GGBT had the record number of participating teams and overall turnout.

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For inspiration, Hopkins keeps the past in mind

LAS VEGAS—Bernard Hopkins reached the top because of his life as a bottom-feeder. It's also why he's stayed on top.

Hopkins spent nearly six years in jail in the 1980s. He was such a chronic lawbreaker that he was placed in one of the United States most notorious prisons at age 17. He took up boxing in Graterford Prison near his hometown of Philadelphia and was released in 1988.

In his first pro fight, he lost a four-round decision, not exactly the route to a championship belt. So he dropped the sport and went to work in the kitchen of a Philadelphia hotel.

As Hopkins, now a record-setting champion, looks back on those days, he doesn't brood. He still uses those hard times as an inspiration.

"You never forget those lessons," he said as he prepared for his 21st straight middleweight title defense, which comes Saturday night against Jermain Taylor. "I don't play around, I don't go to parties. I have been through the ups and downs. I'm a safe guy to society.

Hopkins' history keeps him humble, and hungry—even at age 40.

"I was in one of the toughest penitentiaries in Pennsylvania, in with rapists and murderers and some very bad people," he said. "I remember."

Hopkins met trainer Bouie Fisher when he decided to try boxing again in 1990. He is 46-1 with one draw since, with 32 knockouts, the only loss coming to Roy Jones Jr. in 1993. He plans two more fights after Taylor, who is 23-0 since winning the 2000 Olympic bronze medal. Hopkins doesn't view Taylor as much of an obstacle in continuing his title-defense string.

Then again, Hopkins doesn't really view any opponent as much of a challenge these days. He says he's never been better in the ring or in the way he prepares for his fights.

"I'm not underestimating Jermain Taylor," he said. "I just know what Bernard Hopkins is capable of and I don't think Jermain Taylor can handle it."

Fisher is only a bit more cautious, saying Hopkins "is ready, just like always, for a tough fight." Fisher adds that Hopkins has a single-mindedness about "ending his career the right way, and that's by winning until he stops fighting." *AP*

BRITISH OPEN

Torch is passed one final time

Nicklaus in teary farewell; Woods seizes command

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland—Tiger Woods walked into the room as Jack Nicklaus was finishing up. They shook hands, exchanged a few pleasantries and went in opposite directions.

Nicklaus headed for the exit. Woods took the stage.

The same thing happened on the Old Course.

Nicklaus faded into retirement with a teary finale at the British Open, failing to make the cut Friday but leaving everyone with an enduring image: the Golden Bear hunching over a birdie putt on the 18th hole, the ball curling into the cup, the club pointing skyward in triumph.

Before the tears could dry, Woods arrived at the same hole, halfway home to his second British Open championship.

This one has all the makings of another Tiger runaway, just like his first one in 2000. Woods is 11 under after rounds of 66 and 67, the next-closest player a distant four strokes behind.

And even that player, Colin Montgomerie, concedes everyone—himself included—is playing for second unless something goes drastically wrong in Woods's game.

Don't count on it.

Woods has his largest 36-hole lead in a major since his magical run five years ago, which included a 19-under, eight-stroke victory at St. Andrews. Based on the first two days, his only competition is history.

SAYING goodbye is never easy for Jack Nicklaus, who misses the cut in his final Major. AFP

"I still have to take care of my own business, and that's a lot out here on this golf course," Woods said. "You have enough issues out there to worry about."

But on this mostly sunny, crisp afternoon, the main concern was giving Nicklaus a proper sendoff.

It started on the first hole, when the packed grandstand rose and applauded as Nicklaus walked by in an argyle sweater, similar to the one he wore in 1978 when he won at St. Andrews. It traveled around the links until he got the loudest cheer of all—when he posed atop the Swilcan Bridge. He strolled the remainder of the fairway alone, then ended his career with a 15-footer for birdie.

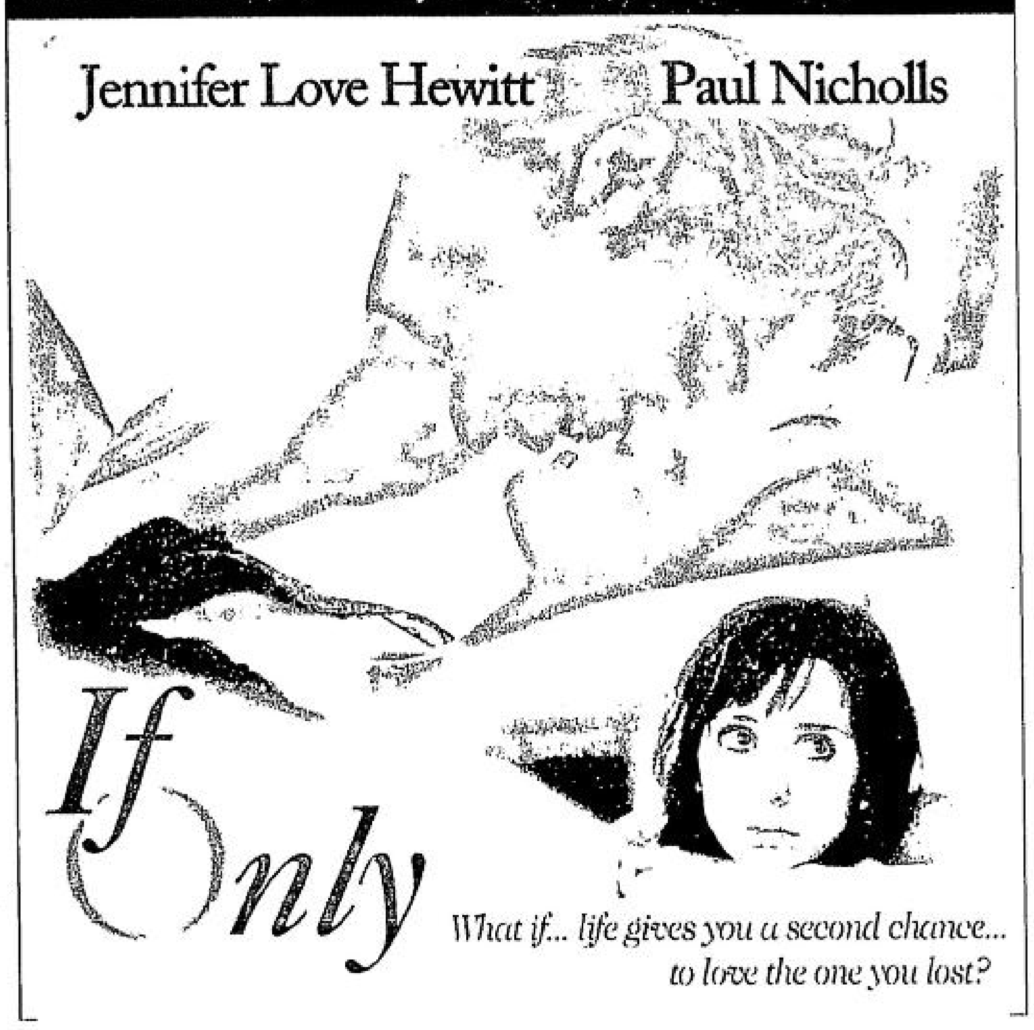
"You saw the greatest player who has ever played the game come up the 18th hole," said five-time Open champion Tom Watson, who played with Nicklaus and teared up himself.

Nicklaus shot an even-par 72 and finished at 147 to miss the cut by two shots. But that didn't diminish his record in the majors: 164 events, 18 victories, 19 runner-up finishes.

"He's been the benchmark for every player that's ever played the game, at least in my generation," said Woods, who already is halfway to Nicklaus' record and looks as though he might get his 10th major this week.

And so the torch was passed, just as it was when Nicklaus bowed out of the US Open, PGA Championship

TIGER Woods is slowly regainin



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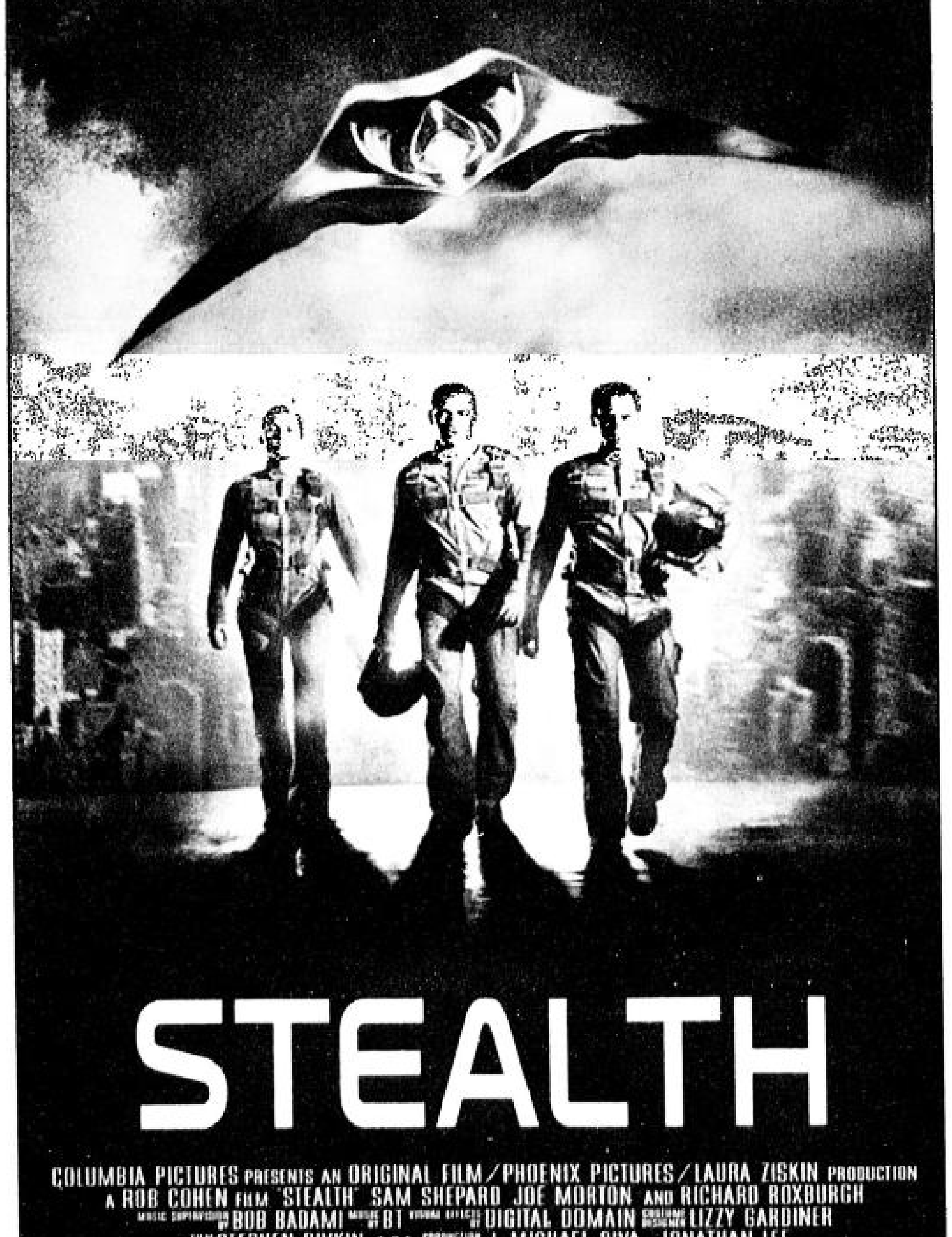

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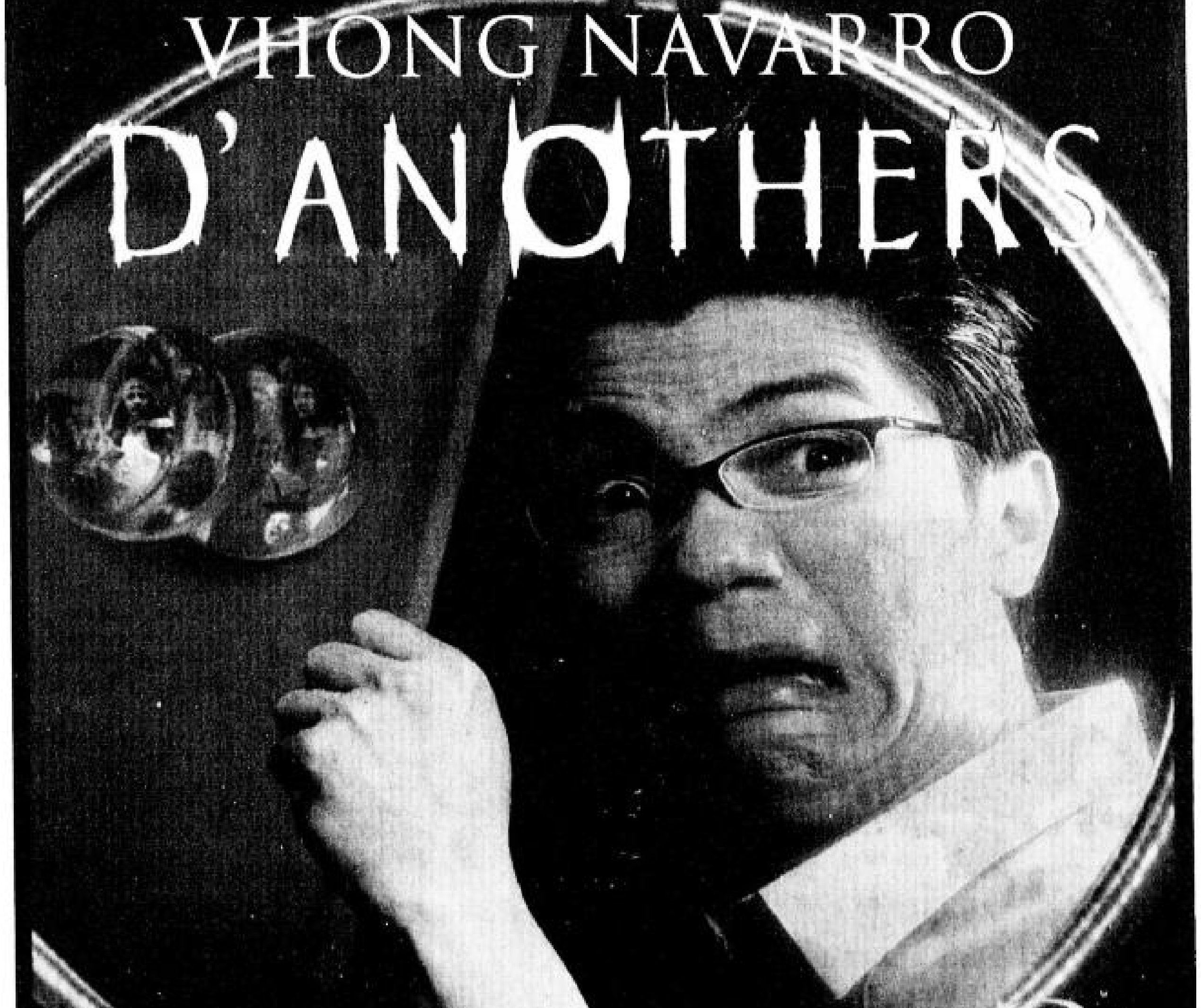

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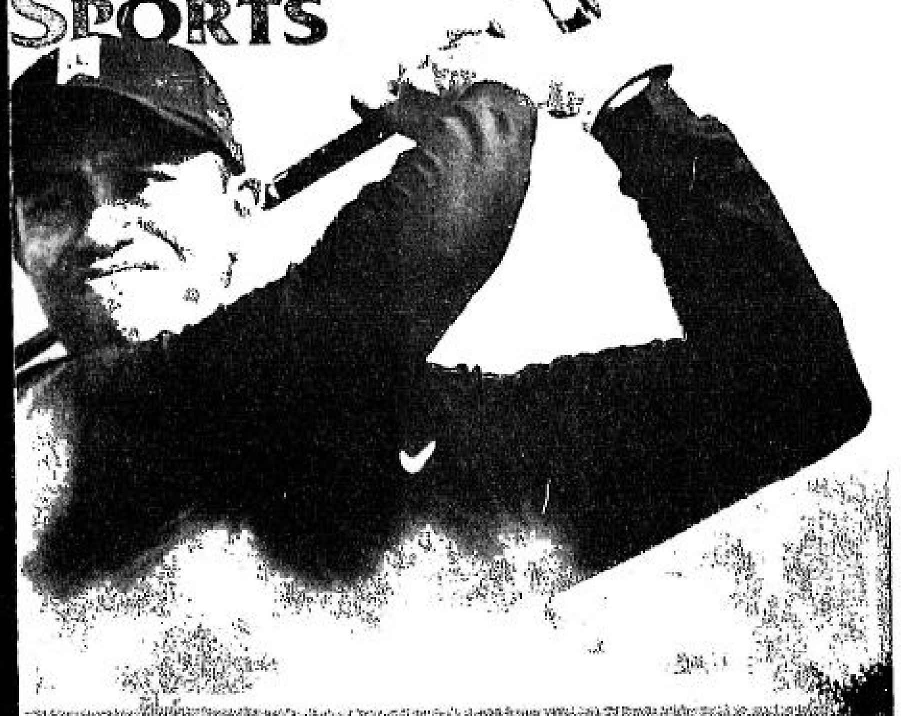

his old, deadly form. REUTERS

Masters—all of those won by ods.

le will play in the final pairing urday with Montgomerie, who the second-loudest cheers as he lied three of his final five holes 67 that put him at 137.

he last time they were in the fi- group together at a major was third round of the 1997 Masters, ods's first full year as a pro. Mon- onfidently predicted experience ıld be on his side, only to have ods put nine shots between them day and win by 12.

ll he can do now is hope.

If Tiger Woods plays the way r Woods can play around this of course, I would have to agree a number of other players that ond place is what we're doing," ntgomerie said. "We are watch- here a unique golfer on a unique course."

he seven players at 6-under 138 in- led Vijay Singh, who missed sever- irdie chances inside 10 feet and felt 69 was about as poor as he could done. He certainly isn't about to cede the claret jug to Woods.

Look at Retief at the US Open," gh said, referring to Retief sen blowing a three-shot lead in final round by shooting 81. "You er thought he'd mess that up the he was playing." *AP*

CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR
Michelle Wie misses the bus to he Masters next year after osing to Clay Ogden, 5 and 4, in he quarterfinals of the United States Amateur Public Links Championship. The winner gets ticket to Augusta major. REUTERS

Alvendia returns to racing

ORMER Karter of the Year Philip Alvendia unveiled a big come- ack in the motorsports scene with his remarkable two runner- p finishes in the third leg of the 2005 Petron National Touring ar Championship at the Batan- as Racing Circuit.

"The car wasn't ready during he first two legs and it was worth he wait. There were still minor hanges we have to do with the ar but I'm happy we got two run- er-up trophies," said Alvendia.

Alvendia, backed up by Malayan Insurance, Bridgestone, .R.S., Honda Kalookan, Rota Wheels and PUMA, hit a fastest ap time of 1:55.030 on the ninth ap to slip past Dominic Bon for econd place and held on to his ost from thereon.

Alvendia almost caught up with eventual champion Jody oseteng as he finished the 12- ap race in 33:25.315 or 0.646 econds behind.

Alvendia hopes that with his onsistent run, he could still bag he overall runner-up crown in his series.

POC-BAP row turns off major sponsor

CEBU CITY—Businessman Jean Henri Lhuillier has always been known for his generosity, particularly in sports.

But what he tags as "dirty politics" has forced this city's big-hearted sports patron to stay in the sidelines for the meantime.

"I'm taking a back seat now, Lhuillier told select Cebu journalists Friday night. "It's a wait-and-see situation. I have to see the plans of the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC)."

Lhuillier, who owned the Cebu Gems in the defunct Metropolitan Basketball Association (MBA), was largely turned off by the POC's decision to expel the Basketball Association of the Philippines (BAP) as one of its national sports associations, which eventually led to the country's exclusion from all Fiba-sanctioned tournaments.

Shortly following the BAP's expulsion, the POC created the Philippine Basketball Federation Inc. to replace the old basketball body, but the group was rejected by the Fiba.

"If they [POC] don't know how to take care of their sponsors, why give help?" he said.

"When I started to support the BAP, some people thought I had a hidden agenda, like becoming a BAP president. But all I really want is to give support."

The negative publicity, he added, was what doomed the BAP, especially following the "poor showing" of its basketball team in the National Basketball Conference's preseason game against the Parañaque Jets.

That performance drew criticisms from several sports sectors.

"I felt sad for the players," Lhuillier said. "It all started when the team lost to Parañaque, and they [POC] did not give us a chance to make up for that loss.

"How about the PBA team? If they lose, they say it's a learning process. But how about us, don't we have the right to have a learning process?"

"I don't expect my team to win all games," said Lhuillier, who continued to give allowances to his players after he pulled out his support from the BAP last May.

The players' subsidy ended this month.

For now, Lhuillier is content in seeing former Gems players like Dondon Hontiveros, Rob Duat, Stephen Padilla, Arnold Gamboa and Rob Wainwright doing well in the PBA.

The Manila-based Lhuillier is in town for the Cebuana Lhuillier Slo-Pitch Invitational Tournament. *Calvin D. Cordova, Cebu Daily News*

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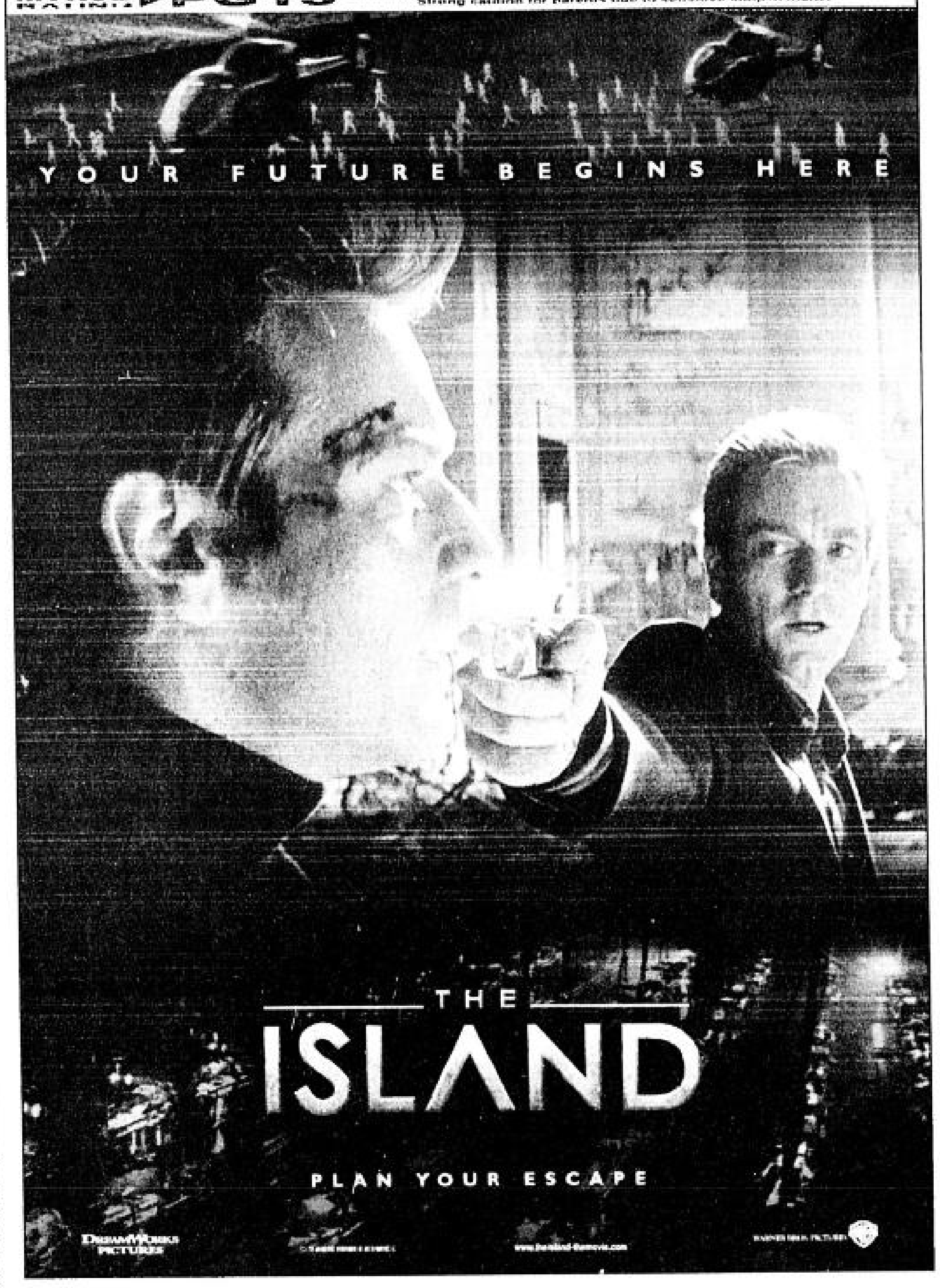

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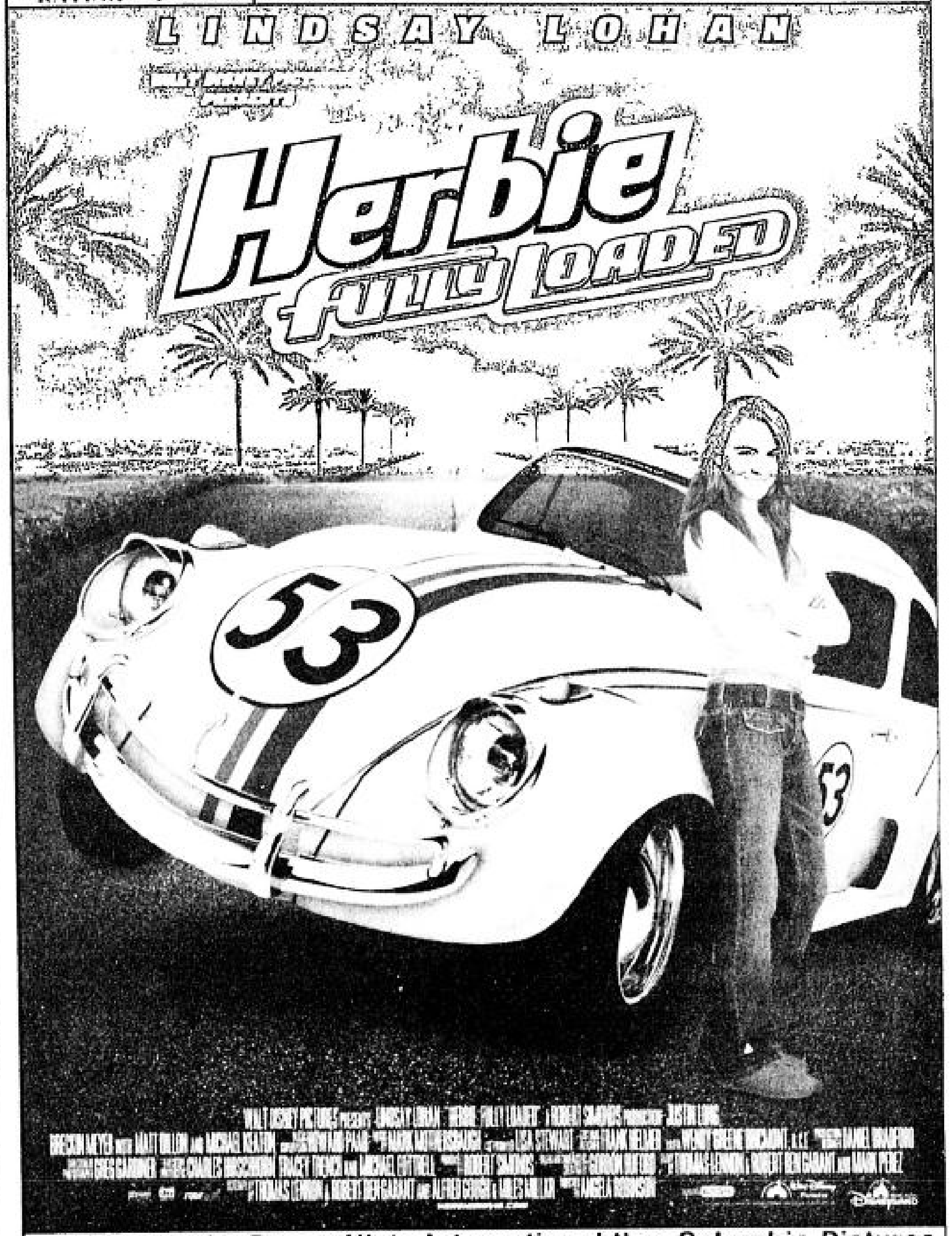

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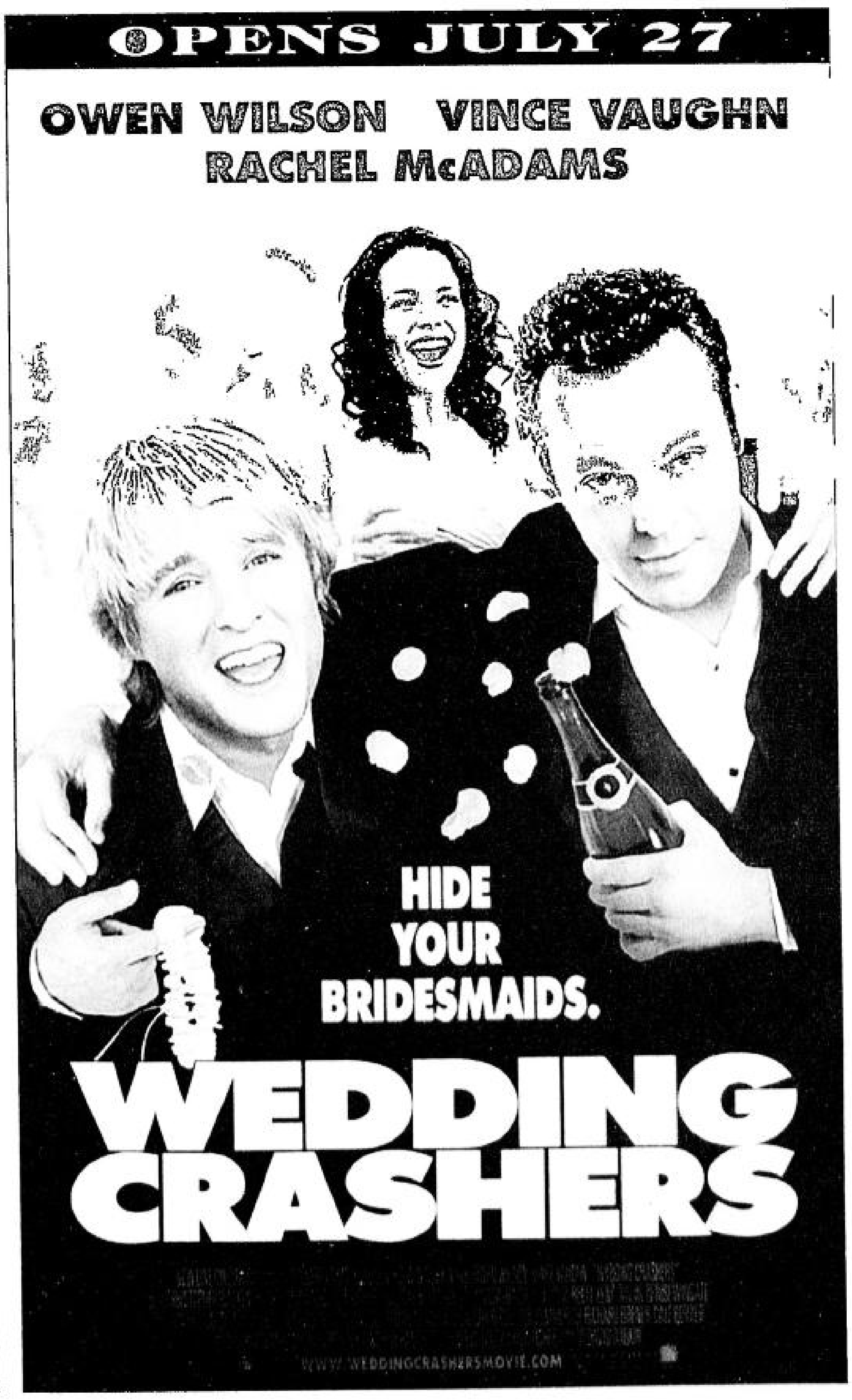

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Heat worries Lance

Armstrong keeps lead over key rivals

MONTPELLIER, France—Heat could be the last remaining threat to Lance Armstrong's bid for a seventh straight Tour de France win.

With roasting temperatures forecast for Saturday's 14th stage of the 23-day race, which takes riders into the Pyrenees mountains, Armstrong is taking precautions—anxious to avoid a repeat of two years ago, when dehydration almost cost him the title.

"Everybody's performance suffers in the heat," Armstrong said. "But some riders, of course, handle it better than others."

"I'm more aware of this idea that dehydration starts days out. You can't get on your bike in the morning and say 'OK, I'm going to drink a bunch of water,'" he added. "I knew the Pyrenees were forecast to be extremely hot, so I tried to get ahead of it two or three days ago."

Two years ago, Armstrong was crushed by Germany's Jan Ullrich in a time trial raced during the French heat wave. He then lost more time in the mountains as 1997 Tour winner Ullrich pushed him to the limit. The American held on to win the race by one minute—his smallest ever margin of victory.

"As soon as you get behind in hydration, your performance starts to evaporate," Armstrong said. "I know tomorrow will be 40 degrees and 200 kilometers (124 miles). Yeah, it makes me worry, so I have to be extra careful."

LANCE Armstrong (in yellow) stays safely in the middle of the peloton. AFP

He can still afford to lose some time in Saturday's 220.5-kilometer (137-mile) trek from Agde on the Mediterranean coast to Ax-3 Domaines.

Ullrich, a five-time runner-up, is 4:02 behind overall. Italy's Ivan Basso, third last year, trails by 2:40, and Alexandre Vinokourov of Kazakhstan, third in 2003, is 4:47 behind.

"Of course, we'll try to mark all the riders," Armstrong said after Robbie McEwen of Australia won Friday's mostly flat and fast 13th stage. "But we have to also be safe and conservative."

McEwen, Armstrong and 99 other riders all finished with same time of 3 hours, 43 minutes, 14 seconds on Friday's 173.5-kilometer (107.8-mile) trek from Miramas to Montpellier in southern France.

McEwen was delighted with his third stage win of this year's Tour, and thanked his Davitamon-Lotto team for setting him up for his dash to the line.

"It's not a victory for McEwen, it's a victory for Davitamon-Lotto," McEwen said. "Unbelievable."

Ullrich placed 25th, Vinokourov, 27th; Armstrong, 33rd and Basso, 72nd. *AP*

DAVIS CUP

Argentina grabs 2-1 cushion vs Australia

SYDNEY, Australia—Argentina's David Nalbandian completed a four-set singles win Saturday over Wayne Arthurs, then teamed with Mariano Puerta for a doubles victory that gave the South Americans a 2-1 lead over Australia in their Davis Cup quarterfinal.

The home side led 1-0 after Lleyton Hewitt's four-set win Friday over Guillermo Coria. But Nalbandian returned Saturday morning to conclude his suspended singles match with Arthurs, needing just 28 minutes to complete a 6-3, 7-6 (8), 5-7, 6-2 win to even the quarterfinal.

An hour later, Nalbandian returned with Puerta to the temporary grass court at the Sydney International Tennis Centre to begin a 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-3 win over Arthurs and Hewitt, putting Argentina in control of the weekend.

Although both doubles teams were paired together for the first time, it was the Argentinians who looked more comfortable and combined better. Puerta, a doubles specialist, lost only three points on his serve Saturday.

The Australians, meanwhile, let five or six shots go between them in the middle of the court, unsure of which player should take the ball.

"Amazing, two points in one day," said Nalbandian. "We played almost perfectly, an incredible match."

Australia must now win both reverse singles matches Sunday—Hewitt will play Nalbandian in a replay of the 2002 Wimbledon final won by the Australian, and Arthurs takes on Coria.

"We just need to win one match, I don't mind if it's me or Guillermo," said Nalbandian.

Nalbandian played down his rivalry with Hewitt. At this year's Australian Open, Hewitt accused Nalbandian of dropping his shoulder into him during a changeover in a quarterfinal match won by Hewitt. *AP*

HE'S BACK

Miami Heat team president and former head coach Pat Riley is going back to coaching this season according to reports. He was previously head coach for Miami, New York and the Los Angeles Lakers. Riley was instrumental in arranging the trade that brought Shaquille O'Neal to the Heat. REUTERS

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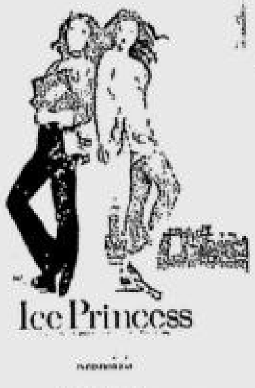

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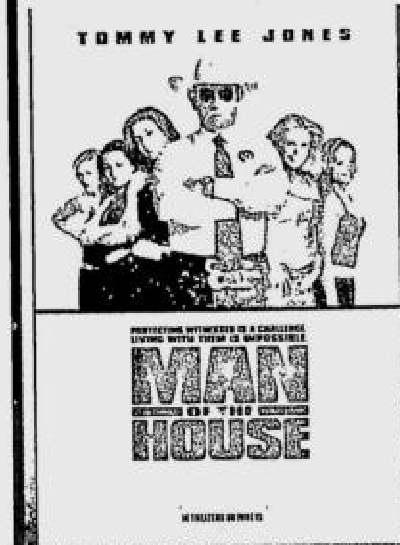

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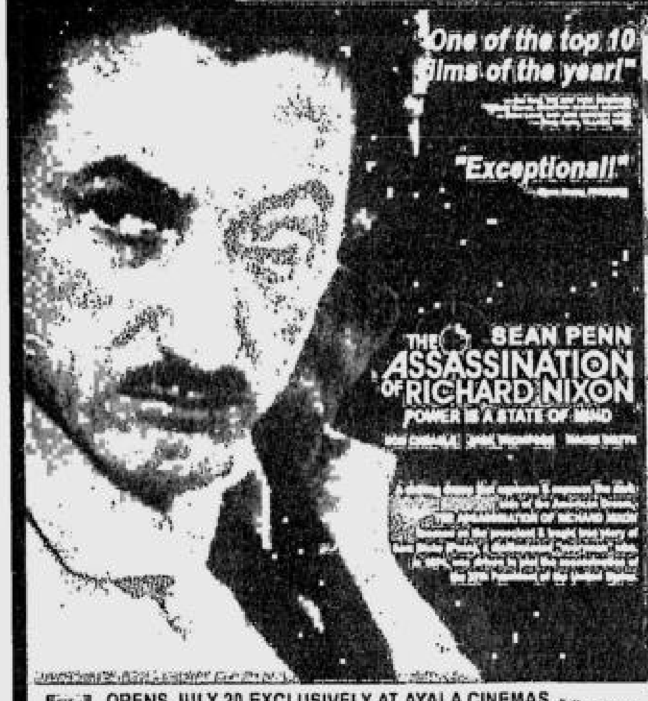
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BAP's TRO won't prosper—PSC exec

By Musong Castillo

THE TEMPORARY Restraining Order (TRO) that the expelled Basketball Association of the Philippines is seeking against the Philippine Sports Commission will not prosper in court.

"It will not prosper," was the bold assessment of PSC Executive Director Guillermo Iroy. "We are doing it in accordance with all the processes and with due notices (to the BAP)."

"No right (of the BAP) was violated by the PSC in this case and they have no cause of action," added Iroy, a lawyer. "And their allegations that the (eviction) was influenced by the Philippine Olympic Committee has no basis whatsoever."

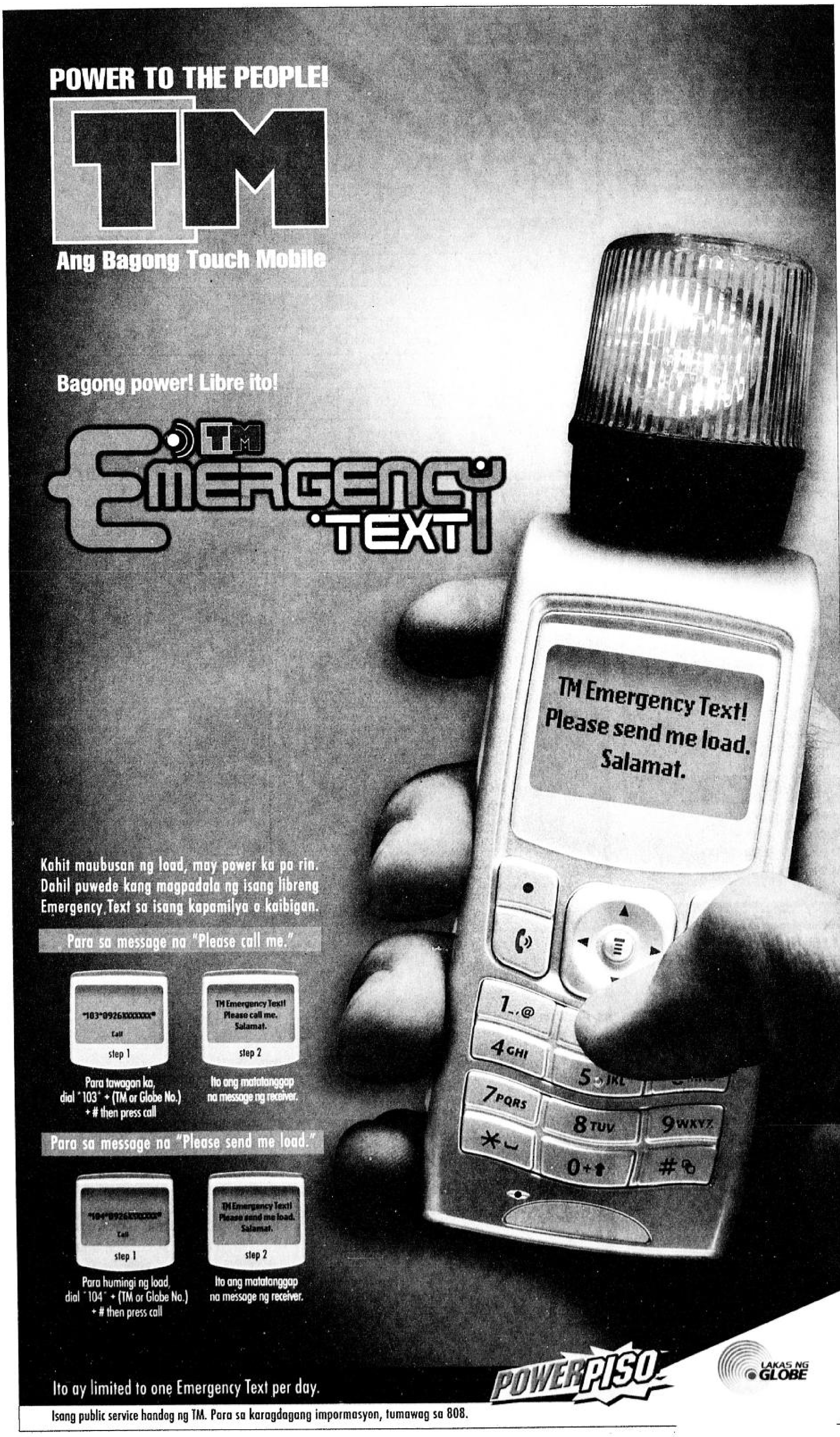
Iroy said that the BAP's stay at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex, a government-owned property, is a matter "of privilege accorded all legitimate National Sports Association." Iroy contended that the BAP lost the privilege last month after being banished from the POC.

"The act of taking back their office is with a corresponding (PSC) board resolution," Iroy added.

The BAP on Tuesday filed for a TRO with a Regional Trial Court in Manila seeking to keep its office at the RMSC and, effectively, all the privileges it used to enjoy with the PSC before being expelled.

Iroy said the PSC had answered the BAP motion last Friday

The BAP was expelled from the POC after it allegedly "reneged" on basic gentlemen's agreements sealed in two basketball summits last April.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FedEx-RP, Hong Kong in KO duel

HONG KONG—FedEx-RP coach Johnny Tam subjected his team to a rigid, one-hour practice in preparation for Saturday's knockout semifinal match against defending champion Hong Kong in the 14th Eastcolight Super Kung Sheung Cup international invitational basketball championship at the 20,000-seater Hong Kong Coliseum.

Tam is expecting a tough time against the Mainland China-reinforced Hong Kong, which emerged as the top team in Group A after sweeping its matches against Singapore, Malaysia and Guangzhou (China).

Hong Kong won all three matches by an average of 20 points.

The Basketball Association of the Philippines-supported Filipinos, on the other hand, finished runner-up behind the Los Angeles-based Asian American Sports Club (AASC) with a 2-1 win-loss record in Group B.

"I expect a close, highly physical game against Hong Kong," said Tam, who ended the host country's 11-year reign as Super Kung Sheung Cup champion when he steered Burlington-RP to the title three years ago.

"With the players' determination and will to win and a little luck on our side, we can beat Hong Kong and earn another trip to the finals," added Tam.

AASC and newly crowned Sseaba champion Malaysia will meet in the other semifinal duel.

Tam said veteran Jerry Codiñera, who flew back to Manila last Friday night to join his wife for the interment of his mother-in-law in Davao City, is expected to join the Express a couple of hours before game time.

"We need him (Codiñera) in the team to provide the leadership and complete the 10-man rotation which is necessary to sustain our game-long, full-court press," explained Tam, who was tapped by FedEx/Air 21 president Lito Alvarez to handle the team's international campaign.

Hong Kong coach Donny Mak Kam-fai expressed guarded optimism in the coming game against FedEx-RP.

"The Filipinos are no pushovers. They can really play good basketball as shown by their previous three games. I expect a tough match," said Kam-fai in an interview with the China Morning Post last Friday.

"But we beat them (by three points) last year, so we can do it again," added Kam-fai, who pointed to Gary David and John Ferriols as the Filipinos' ace gunners that they need to defend.

The winners in the crossover semis will dispute the title on Sunday.

The Filipinos' campaign is supported by Accel and Bestank.

Spring faces Tribu Sugbu

MINLANILLA, Cebu—Spring Cooking Oil-backed Laguna parades new recruits Dondon Villamin and Mel Latoreno when it starts its two-day Visayan swing against defending champion Tribu Sugbu in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship at the Sports Center here.

The Cooking Oil Masters of NBC president Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla and Laguna Gov. Teresita "Ningning" Lazaro will try to end the 15-game home winning streak of the Skygo/Sirlitz-backed Cebuanos in the 7 p.m. contest.

Both members of the BAP-RP team, Villamin and Latoreno are expected to give the Cooking Oil Masters a big boost, together with Sonny Manucat, Mar Reyes, Robin Mendoza, Marlon Kalaw, Rodel Manuel and Rodel Mallari.

The Cebuanos of businessman Lito Gillamac and Mario King pin their hopes on Doroteo Almacin, Ronald Bucao, Alex Cainglet, Lowell Briones, Neil Rañeses, Marvin Mercado, Alex Mangubat and Bernie Ursal.

"We hope to stop their streak," said Laguna coach Vic Sanchez. "Our defense will be the key."

Tribu mentor Al Solis predicts a tough fight. "We went toe to toe with them last year. This (game) should be another close fight."

Tribu is running second to Ozamiz Cotta (7-2) in the Southern Conference at 6-2, followed by Iligan and Valencia at 3-4 each, CdO Stars (1-3), Iloilo (1-6) and Zanorte Hornbills (0-7).

Laguna is third in the Northern Conference at 3-2, behind Forward Taguig (6-0) and Cavite (6-5) but ahead of Parañaque (3-3) and Baguio (1-4).

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Liberation cinema

Freedom, according to the Cinemalaya filmmakers, can very well revive the ailing movie industry

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

NO time to rest. "Big Time" stars Nor Domingo and Jamie Wilson take a quick nap on the set.

IN THE end, there were nine.

Aspiring filmmakers, that is, who are vying for the top prizes in the full-length feature category (90 to 120 minutes) of the first-ever Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival and Competition.

The festival wraps up today at the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) and will move to UP Diliman from July 18 to July 23.

Only one participant, Francis Hechanova, failed to complete the requirements for his entry, "Angela: The Bading Assassin, A Musical." The rest got to the finish line by pooling their resources and collaborating with other artists.

Among the "survivors" are scriptwriter Michiko S. Yamamoto and director Aureaus Solito ("Ang Pagdadalaga ni Maximo Oliveros"); Ron Bryant ("Baryoke"); Mario Cornejo and Monster Jimenez ("Big Time"); Rica Arevalo ("ICU Bed # 7"); Mike Dagñalan and Jun Aves ("Isnats"); Sigfreid Barros Sanchez ("Lasponggols"); CloduaIdo del Mundo Jr. ("Pepot Artista"); Alfred Aloysius Adlawan ("Roomboy"), and Emmanuel dela Cruz ("Sarong Banggi").

The Cinemalaya finalists admit that the road to CCP was paved with challenges, big and small. At least two compare the experience to child birth—and they are male!

Del Mundo singles out his film's 1970s setting as a major hurdle. But film pros helped him out. "[Production designer] Cesar Hernando recreated the '70s look, while [musical scorer] Lorrie Ilustre revived the '70s sounds," he says.

Another crucial test, he recalls, was handling child actors in the cast. "Fortunately, the kids (Elijah Castillo, Cedrick Lamberte, and Shiela Mae Junsay) were intelligent."

Miracle of miracles

Creativity helped them conquer the most common obstacle: budget constraints.

"I had to delete the MRT scenes because we couldn't afford the shooting fees," Dagñalan admits. So his troupe relocated to the PNR (train station), where one of his actors almost lost his legs. "He slipped trying to catch up with a train coach," he recalls. "I didn't have insurance for them."

But "miracle of miracles," they finished the film with limbs and wits intact. "I prayed a lot during filming."

Because he shot in Victoria, Tarlac, his grandparents' hometown, Sanchez had to pay twice for the borrowed film equipment. "I shot in three to four days straight because we couldn't afford to rest. The 'meter' [for the rented equipment] was running, that's why."

"We asked our friends for loans and pitched in our own money," screenwriter Yamamoto admits. "My [co-producer] Raymond Lee focused on money matters, while I concentrated on the creative side."

"I don't care if you're Steven Spielberg, there's never enough time and money," Cornejo echoes his fellow filmmakers' sentiments.

Jimenez, his collaborator, considers their inexperience more boon than bane. "We're [cinematic] virgins, but this fact has, in some indirect way, worked for us. We were simply excited every single shooting day. On the set, Mario acted like a 10-year-old who just got a limited edition Darth Vader light saber!"

Needless to say, enthusiasm saved the day for most.

Asked about the tricky logistics, Bryant jokes: "I can write a book!"

Although principal photography took place in scenic Montalban, near Wawa Dam, his shoot "was no walk in the park. It was November and raining all the time. Imagine, the mud!"

Marquee names

To complicate matters, his is "one of the biggest casts" in the festival. "I had Elizabeth Oropesa, Ronnie Lazaro, Pen Medina, Roeder Camañag . . ." Also acting great Angie Ferro and music heroes Jess Santiago and Gary Granada.

It is heartening that marquee names have jumped on the Cinemalaya bandwagon, Bryant reports. "The Apo Hiking Society and Epy Quizon are in 'Lasponggols'; Pepe Smith is in 'Pagdadalaga'; Michael de Mesa, in 'Big Time'; Berting Labra, in 'Isnats'; Polo Ravales and Meryl Soriano, in 'Roomboy'; Rio Locsin and Cris Villanueva in 'Pepot'; and Jaclyn Jose in 'Sarong Banggi.'" Of course, the legendary Eddie Garcia is the lead star of Arevalo's entry.

Believe it or not, Arevalo describes her feature-film debut as "a breeze" in spite of (maybe because of) Manoy.

"He listened to suggestions—even from a neophyte director. To think he has been in the business for 56 years," she praises Garcia.

According to Arevalo, her "friends and students from the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila" were just as committed as the vets.

Like a river delta, the Cinemalaya film festival witnesses the coming together of various streams in Pinoy cinema—newcomer and veteran, mainstream and independent, youthful and seasoned.

"Like the 1970s, this is another exciting period in Pinoy cinema," Del Mundo notes. "I'm proud to be part of both periods."

"It's like we are planting the seeds for the next generation of filmmakers to harvest," Dagñalan beams.

"The festival is in many ways revolutionary," Cornejo attests. "My hope is that this will start a new way of thinking about Filipino films."

Dela Cruz is already planning the sequel to "Sarong Banggi."

His entry, which begins like any "youth film," swiftly unravels into "a harrowing rite of passage."

Like Alfred Adlawan and other Cinemalaya participants, Dela Cruz works in mainstream TV.

The meeting of these two worlds would benefit the moviegoer in the end, they attest.

"Shooting the indie way gives you so much freedom," Sanchez says. "Indie films have the power to shape things. [As filmmakers] we have an obligation to uplift the minds of the audience, to liberate them from the traditions and values they've grown accustomed with in mainstream films. That's how I define the indie movement: Films that are free from everything and that can free everyone."

The Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival awards ceremony is tonight at the CCP Main Theater.

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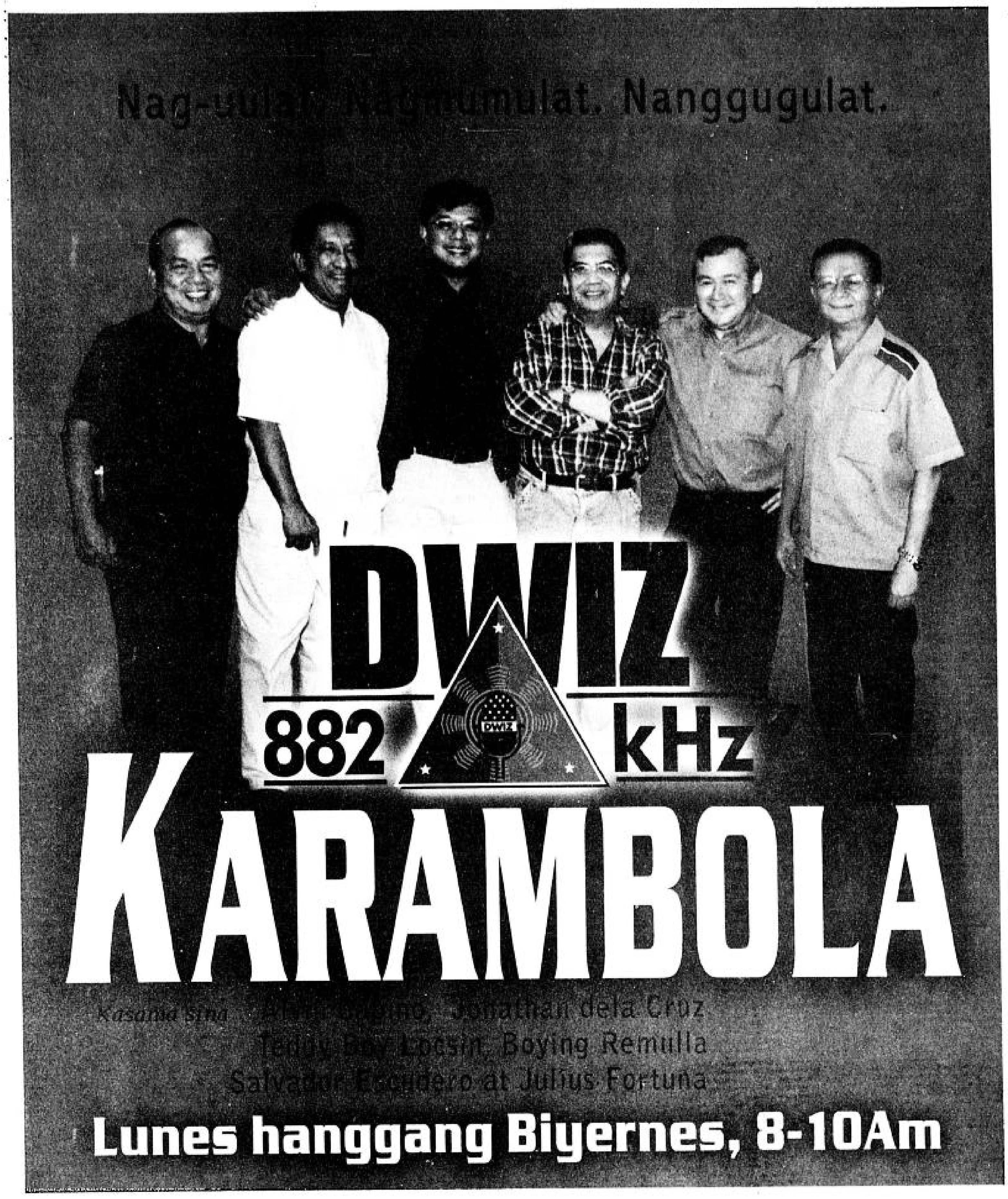
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ADDITIONAL PHOTOS COURTESY OF EDDIE ROMERO

AS A BOY growing up in pre-war Negros Oriental, filmmaker Eddie Romero watched movies every single day.

"Our family owned two moviehouses in Dumaguete," Eddie recalls. There, in the Luxe and Nepa theaters, his formative years were spent.

"Of course I got to watch for free daily. I caught everything—Hollywood and the Filipino movies of the time from X'Otic, Excelsior and the Parlatone Hispano-Filipino."

The young Edgar has always been fascinated with "storytelling"—whether in print or on film.

"As early as age 8, I was writing short stories," he tells INQUIRER Entertainment. "When I was 12, my father submitted one of my detective stories to McCullough Dick, founder of the Philippines Free Press."

The American magazine publisher was so astounded by the literary child prodigy's work that he bought the story on the spot.

Eddie recalls with pride: "In his office, he took out his wallet and handed P5 to me."

It was quite a princely sum in 1936. "That could be worth P1,000 now. With P5 at the time, you could eat the most expensive meal at the Manila Hotel."

The big break

On top of the money, a bigger reward awaited the boy. Actor-filmmaker Gerardo "Gerry" de Leon came across one of Eddie's short stories four years later. With dispatch, Gerry called the budding fictionist and asked him to spin a tale for the big screen.

"A few things," Eddie forewarned his future mentor on the phone. "First, I am only 16 years old. Second, I don't speak Tagalog."

Gerry persisted... and persuaded the teenager to pen "Ang Maestra," which headlined the biggest stars of the period, Rogelio de la Rosa and Rosa del Rosario.

"We worked on a treatment that we both liked," Eddie recounts. "The movie was produced by Amading Araneta of the Araneta Coliseum. He bought Philippine Films and set up a subsidiary which he called Rogelio de la Rosa Productions because, at that time, Rogelio was very popular."

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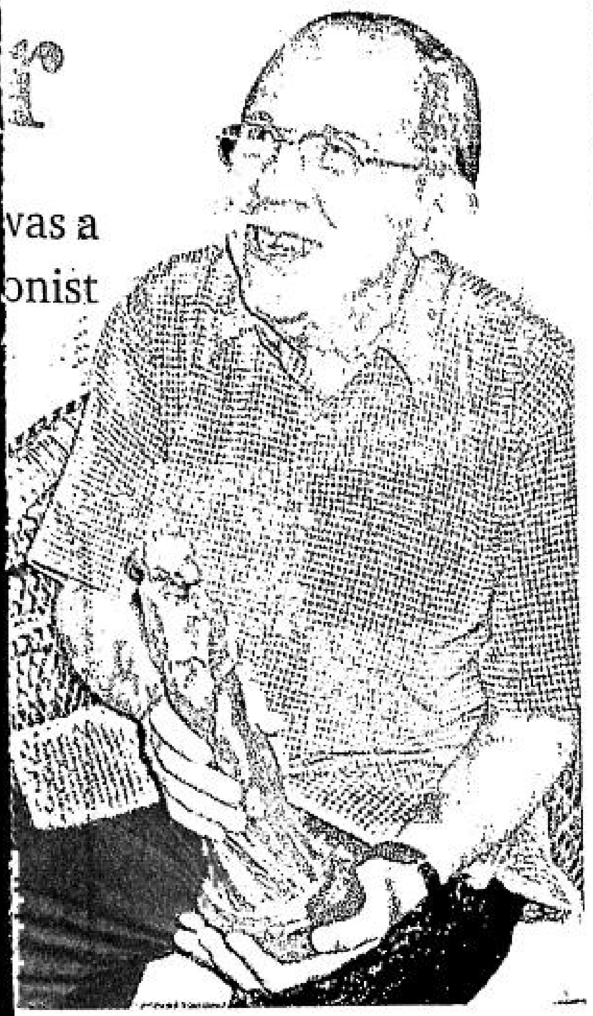

That was 1941. The Pacific War would break out soon.

After the liberation, Gerry's protégé found himself behind the camera, directing "Kamay ng Diyos" for Sampaguita in 1947.

Prior to this, he took over his tutor's last project with Sampaguita, "Mameng, Iniibig Kita," with Carmen Rosales and Oscar Moreno. "He wasn't keen on working with the studio anymore," Eddie says, "so I had to shoot most of it."

But in his actual directing debut, "Kamay ng Diyos," which topbilled Carmen and Leopoldo Salcedo, Gerry also starred.

"He was a terrific actor," Eddie says of Gerry.

Four years later, he beat Gerry for the Maria Clara Best Director trophy. "His film was 'Sisa'; I won for 'Ang Prinsesa at ang Pulubi.'"

GLORIA Diaz, Dranreb Belleza and Christopher de Leon in "Ganito..."

AT HOME with wife Carolina

Old hand at 23

By age 23, he was already "an old hand in the movies."

"The interesting thing was, I directed my first seven movies by *oido*," he admits. "I didn't speak a word of Tagalog. I wrote most of the screenplays in English and these would be translated on the set."

Once in a while, the neophyte filmmaker would stop the rehearsals because the translated dialogue didn't sound right. "It would seem clumsy, and Mameng and Pol (pet names of Carmen and Lepoldo) often agreed with me," he explains.

Ironically, Eddie later studied Tagalog in London, where his father, former Congressman Jose Romero, served as ambassador in the 1950s.

In 1952, Eddie directed his first independent film, "Buhay Alamang," with screen legends Anita Linda and Mona Lisa.

"I preferred to not be under a major studio," he remarks. "In fairness, Sampaguita was then headed by Pinggoy Perez, who was a genius at figuring out what the public wanted. They struck a goldmine with 'Roberta' and the *komiks* novels of Mars Ravelo. But I didn't want to make those kinds of movies. I went on my own but I paid for it. I had a rough time!"

The indie director churned out a slew of movies in that decade—"Takas," "Golpe de Gulat," "Torpe," "May Bakas ang Lumipas," "Iskandalosa," "Maria Went to Town," to name a few.

Americanization

The late 1950s, through the '60s and '70s witnessed his "Americanization," he jests.

"From 1958 to 1976, I made very few Filipino films [and instead] made almost two dozen American movies. One was 'Passionate Strangers,' under Mike J. Parsons (in 1966). I even directed 13 episodes of an American television series, 'Counter Thrust,' in 1961. Unfortunately, the lead star Todd Andrews broke his arm and the show was discontinued."

His Hollywood period proved to be an appropriate prelude for his work as overall Philippine coordinator for Francis Ford Coppola's "Apocalypse Now."

The mega-production was beset with all sorts of tempests, both natural (a typhoon destroyed the set in Laguna) and metaphorical (lead Martin Sheen suffered a heart attack).

Then Coppola's trusted lieutenant decided to make his own movie for the 1976 Metro Manila Film Festival. "At first, Coppola refused," Eddie volunteers. "He didn't want to switch horses mid-shoot, so to speak. Later, he allowed me, but on condition that I leave my staff with him and carry a radio at all times, so that if he needed me, he'd just radio and I could run right back."

In contrast, the shoot for Eddie's "Ganito Kami Noon, Paano Kayo Ngayon?" was a breeze. "We all had fun on the set," Eddie says.

Considered his best work by critics, "Ganito..." asks a question that echoes throughout Eddie's latter-day filmography: "What makes a Filipino?"

He corrects the common critical assessment: "I wasn't asking a question then; I was actually saying, 'This is the Filipino.'"

Warts and all.

Still, the question begs to be answered: What is the Filipino's story?

ON THE set

ON HIS wedding day in 1948

"There are 84 million kinds of Filipinos," he says. "Each one has a story and each story is unique."

This quixotic quest for the key to the Pinoy heart and soul was just as evident in his other masterpieces: "Aguila" the three-hour movie in 1980 and "Noli Me Tangere" the nine-hour mini-series in 1992.

Some people mistakenly thought that "Noli..." was his tribute to Gerry de Leon. "He needs no tribute," Eddie insists. "He's a National Artist!"

Eddie reveals that Gerry's title as such didn't come without a fight. The former protégé relentlessly campaigned with the powers-that-be on behalf of his teacher.

"He was ill with emphysema, and was in that stage of his life when he was questioning the worth of his work," Eddie says. "He needed reaffirmation from us."

Posthumously (and belatedly if you ask Eddie), Gerry was declared National Artist in 1982.

When the authorities called to inform him of Gerry's award, Eddie was virulent.

In 2003, Eddie was himself proclaimed National Artist.

"It's just icing on the cake," Eddie shrugs. "The icing tastes good, but it's not everything!"

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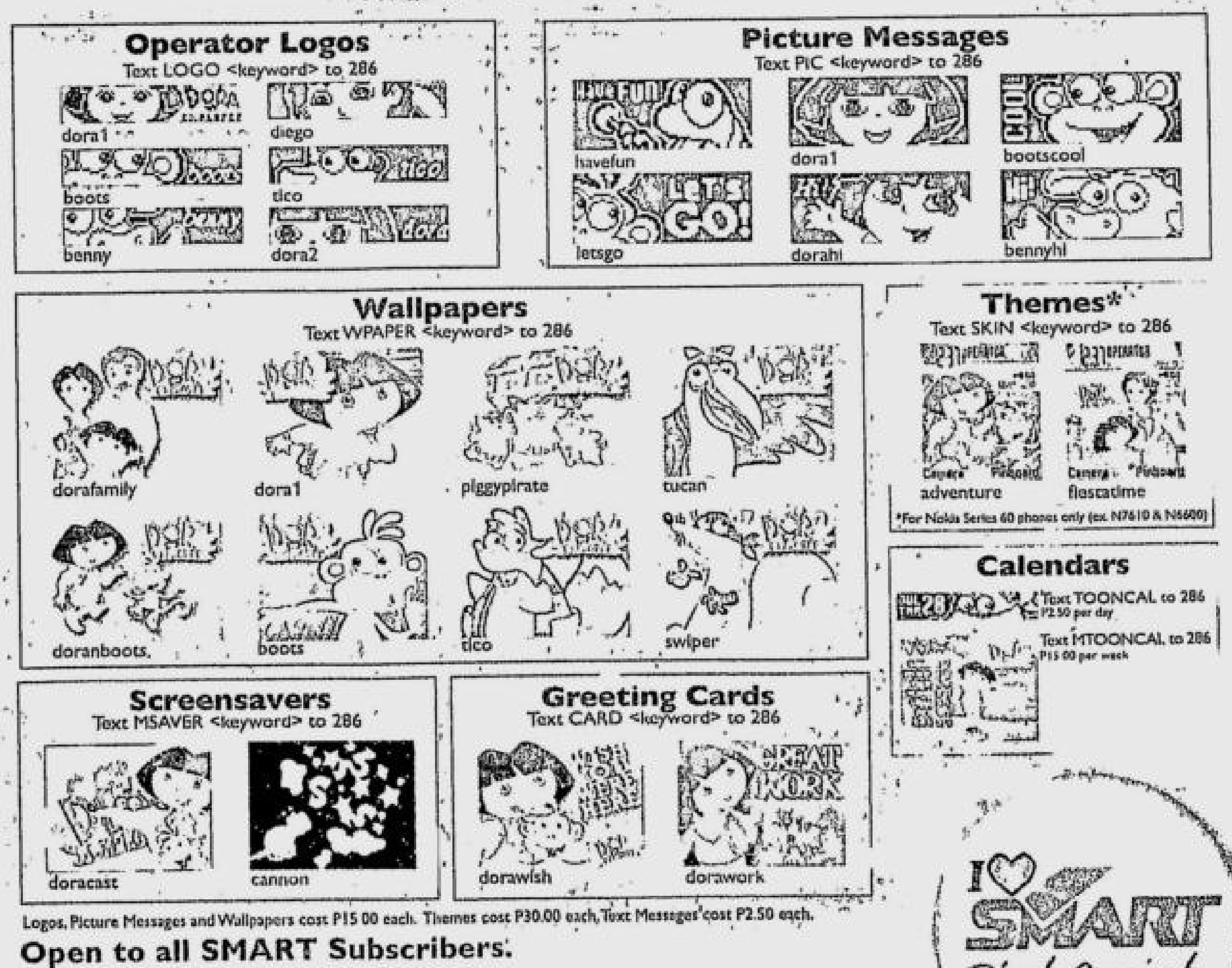

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From the mouth of H'wood babes (and adults)

MARCIA Gay Harden and daughter Eulala Grace

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales

NEW YORK—Men, relax—it's the kindergarten kind of babes, not the Scarlett Johansson type of Hollywood babe.

Oscar-winning actress Marcia Gay Harden brought her daughter, Eulala Grace Harden Scheel, 7, to the press con of the remake of the "Bad News Bears" last weekend.

I thought Marcia would introduce her pretty daughter to us and then send the child to the back of the room while she did the interview. But the Academy's 2000 Best Supporting Actress for "Pollock" kept Eulala to her side. Before long, the blonde tyke was replying to a reporter's questions—articulately and with panache. It turns out that the girl is already an actress. Eulala appears with her mom in "Felicity: An American Girl Adventure," the television mini-series based on the "American Girl" line of dolls and books.

Marcia, who plays a prissy, aggressive mother who forces the Little League to accommodate her son in the baseball comedy "Bad News Bears," recounted how she tried to coach Eulala in "American Girl."

"Mom, that's not how I want to portray my character," said the girl. Well! At the press con, Eulala playfully rolled her eyes as her mom talked. When it was time to take pictures of the mother-daughter acting force, Eulala was more pose-savvy than her mom.

Billy Bob on Brangelina

Marcia's co-star in "Bad News," Billy Bob Thornton, was quotable by himself—except when a writer asked him to comment on the alleged affair between his former love, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt. The actor started by saying he didn't mind answering a question on the Brangelina circus and then gave a reply that turned out to be a funny way to not answer the query. Angelina's ex said, with a twinkle in his eyes, "The first Daffy Duck movie I saw was the one where his beak ended up on the back of his head."

Paramount's remake of the 1976 Walter Matthau-Tatum O'Neal comedy is essentially like a "Bad Santa Goes to Baseball." Billy Bob, as only he can, delivers more of the funny, irreverent lines that made "Bad Santa" such a hoot, a deliriously cynical film. Like Marcia, he is an Oscar winner—Best Adapted Screenplay for "Sling Blade," for which he also earned a Best Actor nomination.

Bill Bob turns half a century old this year. He quipped, "Fifty is the new forty." This he said in the spirit of trendy slogans he also mouthed, like, "Brown is the new black."

In "Bad News," Billy Bob's has-been coach treats his team of a dozen young misfits to meals at Hooters, a US chain famous for its provocatively attired (tight shirts and short shorts) waitresses. Claiming that he had never been to a Hooters resto before filming this movie, Billy Bob said with that familiar grin on his face: "They say people only go to Hooters for the chicken wings."

A country music artist, Billy Bob has a new CD out. "It's titled Hobo, not Homo," he cracked.

Marcia endearingly said of her co-star: "Billy is a bad boy but that is tempered by his being a Southern gentleman."

And I quote . . .

Here are more memorable quotes from our recent interviews.

Master filmmaker Steven Spielberg does believe that there are "ETs" out there: "I can't imagine that anyone would believe that we're the only life form in the entire universe. But now that I'm in my 50s, I'm a little less sure than when I was in my late 20s whether we actually have been visited [by aliens]. Back in the days of 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind,' wow, was I convinced that we had been visited. Do you know why I'm not as convinced now? There are 150 percent more video cameras on earth today. But why were there more films and photographs of alleged UFOs in the '60s to the '80s than today when there are millions of video cameras out today?"

On why he makes films like "War of the Worlds" and "Close Encounters": "Science fiction, for me, is a vacation. It's a vacation away from all the rules of narrative logic, basic physics and physical science. Science fiction lets you leave all the rules behind and fly. We envy the birds. I envy Tom (Cruise) because he actually flies jet planes and I don't do that. I'm too afraid to fly. Science fiction gives me a chance to really soar. This is why I keep coming back to science fiction because there are no limits where the imagination can go. But having said that, the challenge is to tell a credible science fiction story. So I impose certain limits."

When I interviewed another young actor, Freddie Highmore, in the Bahamas, I couldn't help but ask how he got in the mood of his deeply moving, tearful scene in "Finding Neverland" (that moment alone is worth another viewing on DVD). The brilliant 13-year-old, appearing with Johnny Depp again in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," told me: "I just put myself in the shoes of Peter (his character) and thought that his dad is dead and his mom just died. That's quite an upsetting thought."

When "Charlie" director Tim Burton was asked about the seeming similarity between Johnny Depp's Willy Wonka and Michael Jackson, the filmmaker, who looks like an old rocker with a curly mess of hair and oversize sunglasses, opined: "To me, there's a big night and day difference. Michael Jackson likes children while Willie Wonka can't stand children."

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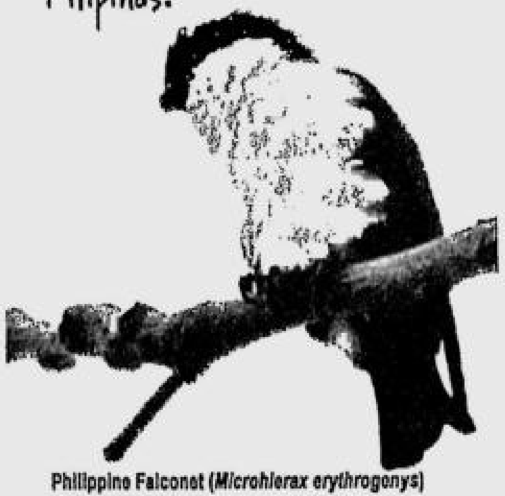

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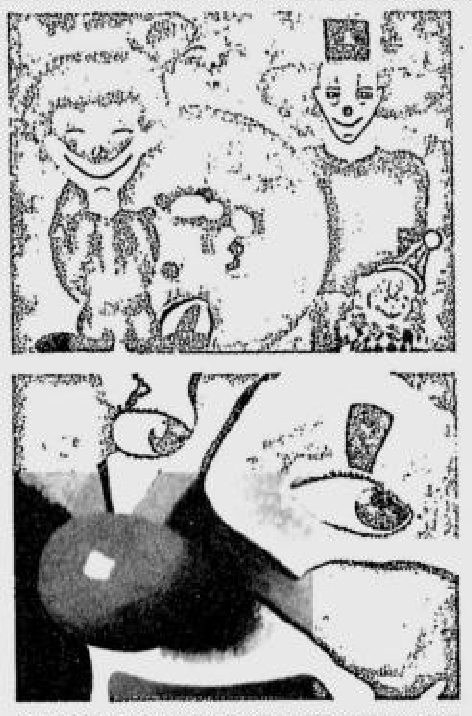
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Nestor U. Torre

LOCAL movies are currently caught in a riptide that is partly the consequence of karma, and partly of evolving technology and audience configurations: Even as the mainstream film industry is producing only one-third of its previous annual output, a new sub-industry is emerging from the old "industriya's" ashes that threatens to upstage and usurp its dominant position in the years to come.

Call it the Digital Film Wave, since many of its products make use of digital technology, thus taking advantage of its cheaper cost and portability.

Its increasing popularity could soon change the very nature of filmmaking in this country, freeing it from the excessively commercial and formula-dependent clutches of the producer-moneybags of old.

Stars will also decline in value as selling factors to assure a movie's profitability at the tills. An early sign of this is the near-total "extinction" of the Pinoy superstar of old.

Now that action films have become too expensive to produce, many erstwhile action heroes have turned TV comedians. When they do make movies, they do so for much less money than before, in tacit acknowledgment of their diminished star power.

The same thing could happen to stars in other kinds of movies. In place of star value, viewers could end up preferring fresh stories and edgy characters that speak to them of the here and now.

Or they could eagerly patronize films that provide with the hope and inspiration they so desperately need during these trying times.

This new independence from formulas, stars and expensive movie technology is resulting in greater "democracy" on the local film scene.

In the past, you can make a movie if an established studio agreed to finance its production. These days, many indie filmmakers secure personal or private financing for their movie ventures, and thus no longer have to be at producers' beck and call.

Of course, new filmmakers' best efforts would come to naught if the paying public doesn't support them. For that to happen, we need viewers who can see value in tyro filmmakers' alternative attempts to speak in a new cinematic language that best express their feelings and expectations.

The good news is, that new audience is in the process of being formed. Since ticket prices have become too steep, going to the movies has ceased to be a *masa* activity.

These days, moviegoers tend to be middle-class or higher, and choose the films they see more carefully than before. So, to get this new kind of moviegoer to the theaters, filmmakers have to come up with better and more empathetic stories and characters. Thus, the days of the quickies, cheapies and sleazies are over.

We also venture to predict that our filmmakers will look for even more innovative ways to make and screen their movies.

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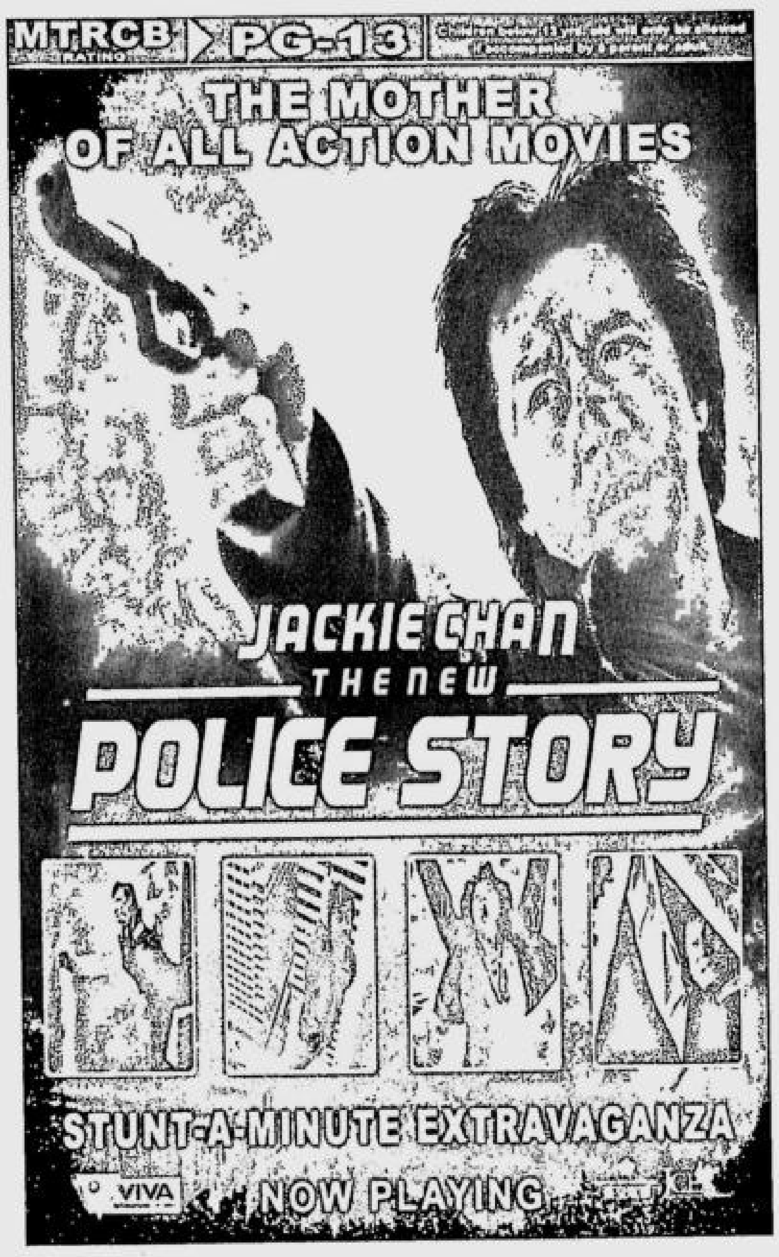

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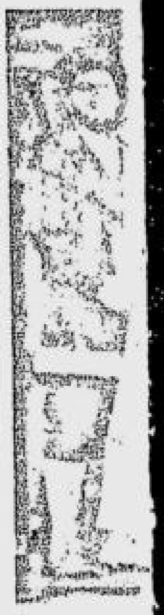

THE ROCK

NOT even his 9-year-old daughter was convinced.

Jett Pangan, The Dawn front man and lead star of the Disney musical "Beauty and the Beast," recounts, with self-deprecating humor, his daughter Erika's initial reaction upon seeing the play with 6-year-old brother Rafael.

"Her comment was funny," Jett told INQUIRER Entertainment during the cast party. "She can't see me as a prince *daw*."

Everyone's a critic.

Still, the kids were mesmerized.

"They've seen the play twice," the proud father beams. "They actually believe that I flew in the air before changing into a prince. It's a pity that we lose such innocence as we grow older. That's why I find this job rewarding. It allows me to recapture that sense of wonder."

The transformation scene in the play's climax, he describes as "an illusion, a magic trick."

Spellbinding

Jett's own reinvention from rocker to musical-theater lead is just as spellbinding.

Since his 2000 stage debut in the '70s Bistro production of "Jesus Christ Superstar," he has been smitten with theater.

In less than five years, he has starred in a quick succession of plays with Atlantis Productions: "Tick, Tick . . . Boom," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "The Rocky Horror Show," "Dreamgirls," "Urinetown," and "Baby."

Early this year, before joining the cast of Atlantis' "Beauty," he topbilled "Once on This Island" under Actor's Actors Inc.

"He is one of the strongest theater actors now," says Atlantis director Bobby Garcia.

Tony-winning star Lea Salonga also praises Jett's turn as the Beast.

During the previews, Lea took down notes as the coach of the two Belles, KC Concepcion and Karel Marquez. But every time Jett went onstage, Lea put paper and pen down. "I just had to watch him," she says.

That Jett is a rocker, Lea insists, adds a unique texture to his portrayal. "It's not clean musical theater; there's a certain roughness, just right for the character."

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THE BEAST gets ready for his one-hour transformation.

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he Dawn has churned out deos so far: "Harapin ang Liwanag," "Tulad ng Dati," and "Change is Breaking Us Apart."

"We are shooting the fourth music video, 'Laging Narito,' off the new album," Jett reports. "And the band will start touring after the play wraps up on July 17."

Theater is doing his rock career a world of good, he says. "It gives me a fresher outlook on the band. I guess we split up in 1994 because of a mild case of burnout. [Now, because] we get to do other things ... we actually miss performing together and look forward to our gigs."

Surreal moment

The Dawn, formed in 1986, is considered a leader in the industry, a distinction made official with an NU Rock Icon trophy.

Winning that Lifetime Achievement award was surreal, Jett jests. "We felt like statues."

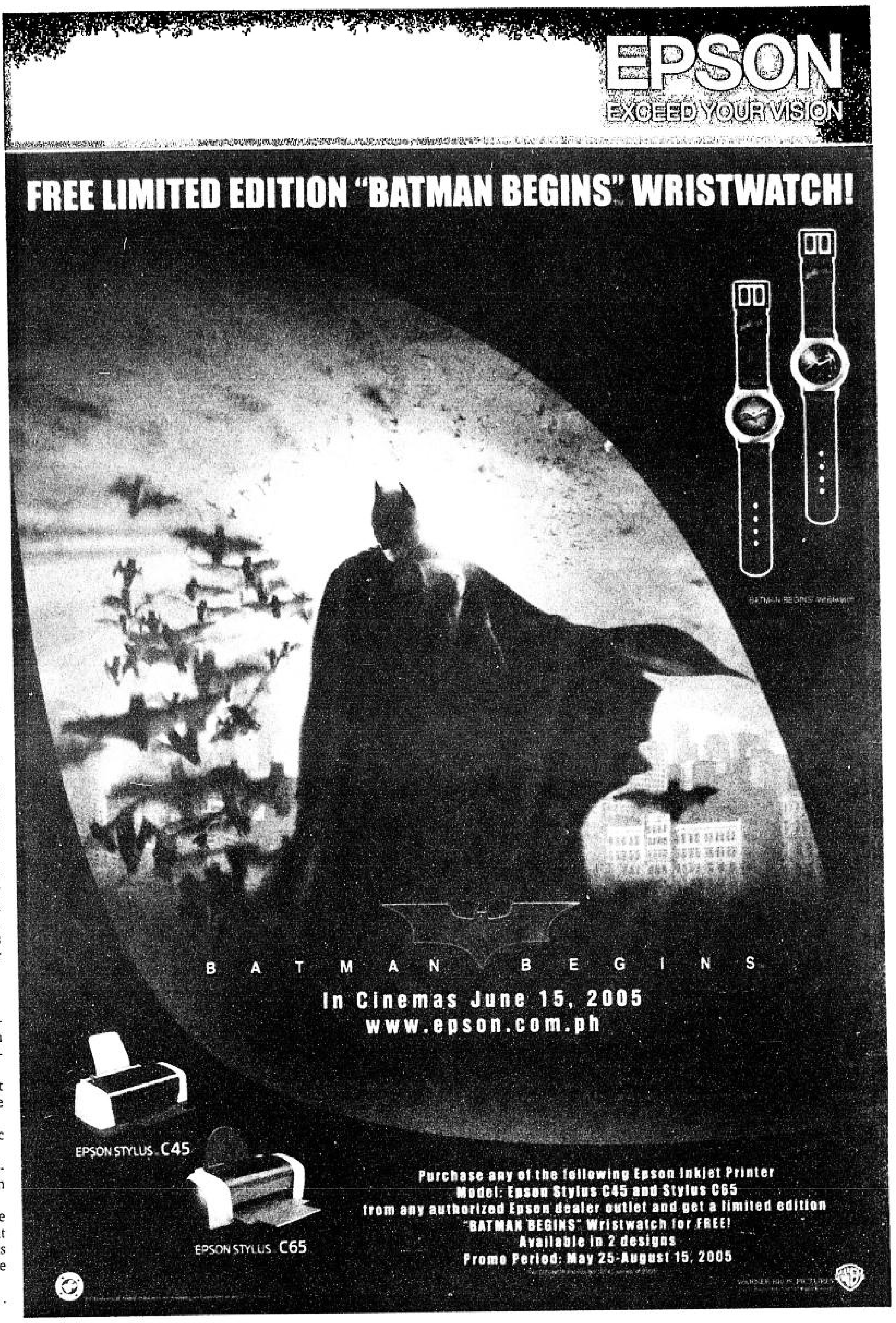
There is nothing static or Jurassic about The Dawn, though.

Since regrouping in 1999 for a comeback concert, The Dawn has been swamped with all sorts of offers.

"We're busier now than before," he quips. "Which is good not only for us, but for the entire industry. The band scene is enjoying a resurgence. We just hope the economy improves."

He backtracks, but quickly recovers . . . "But rock 'n' roll is very stubborn."

So are rockers-turned-stage actors.



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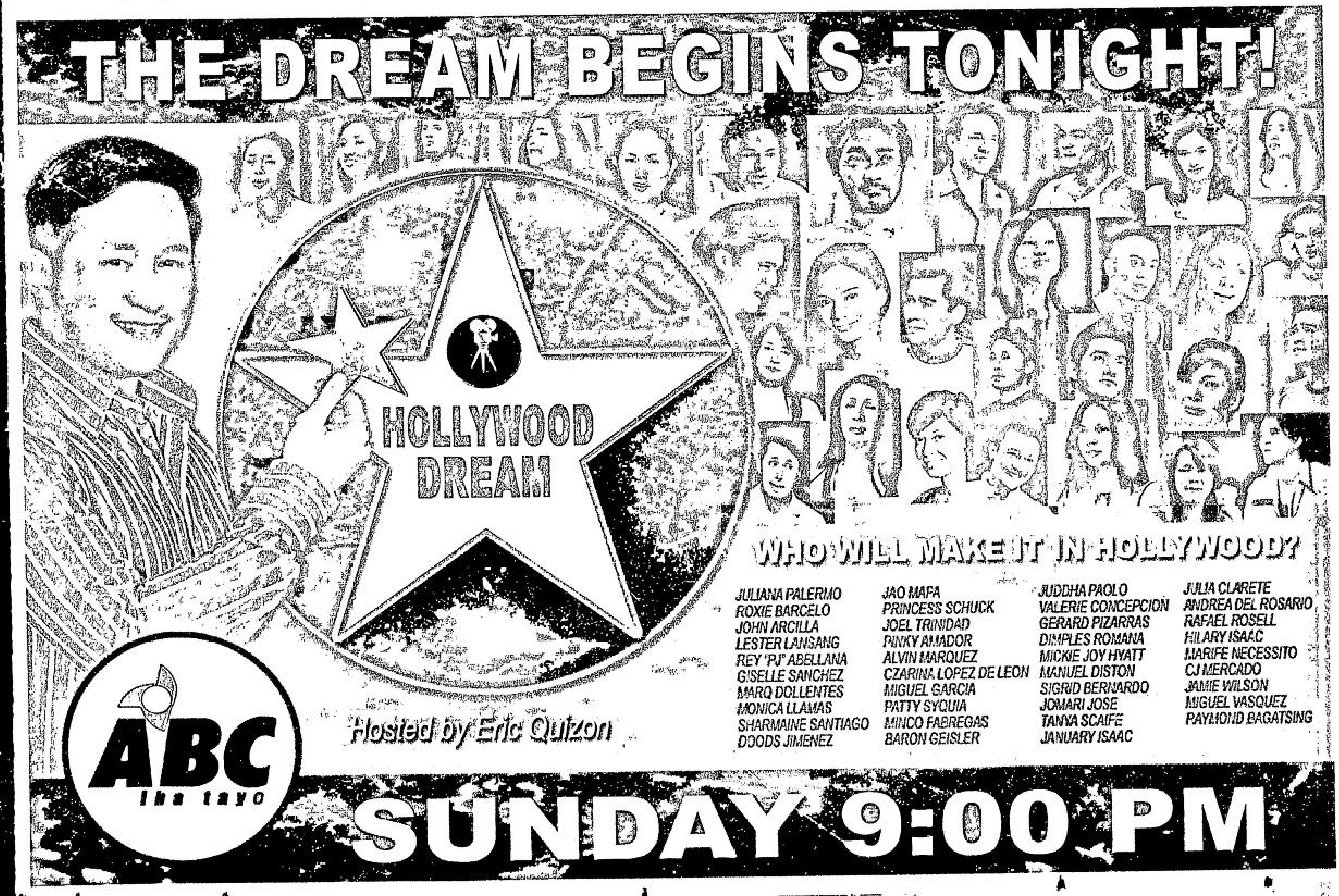

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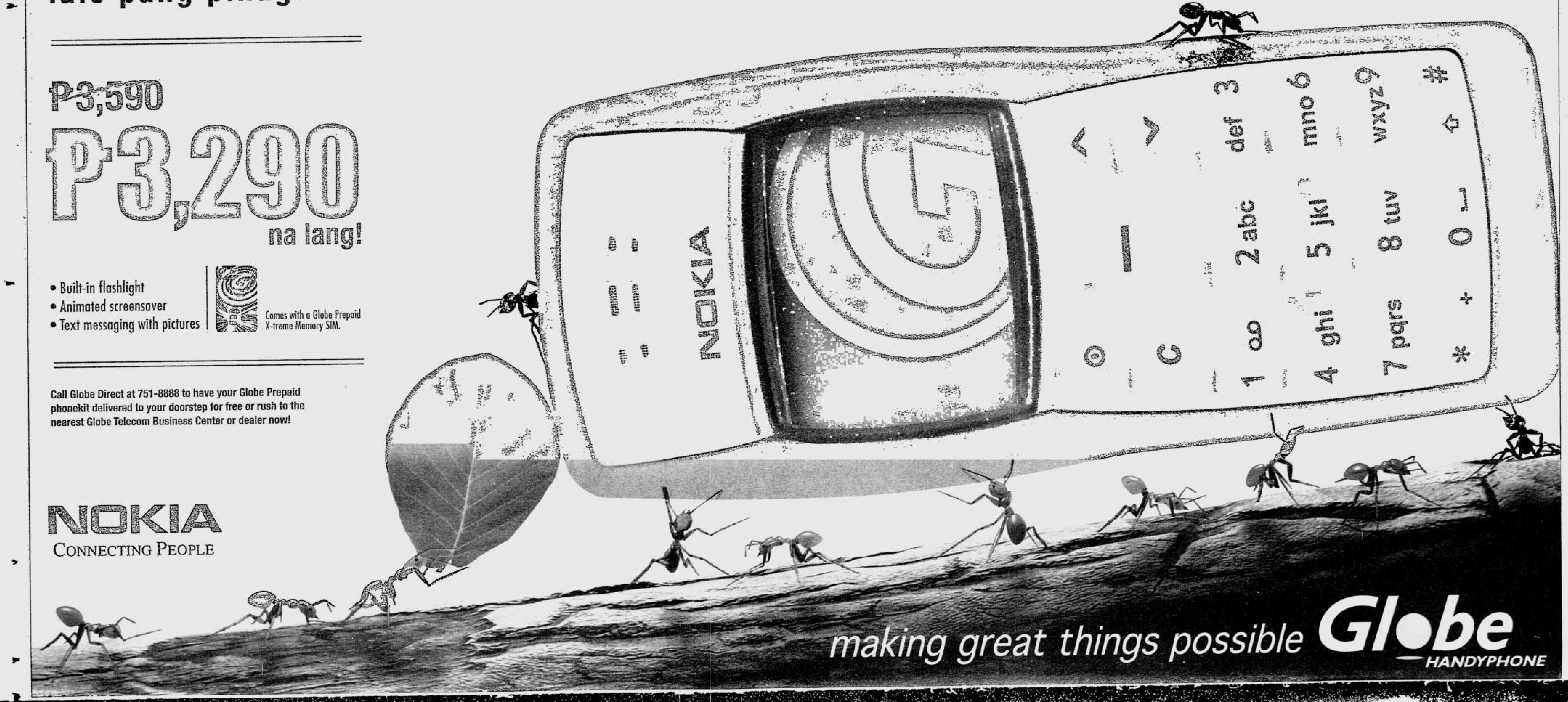
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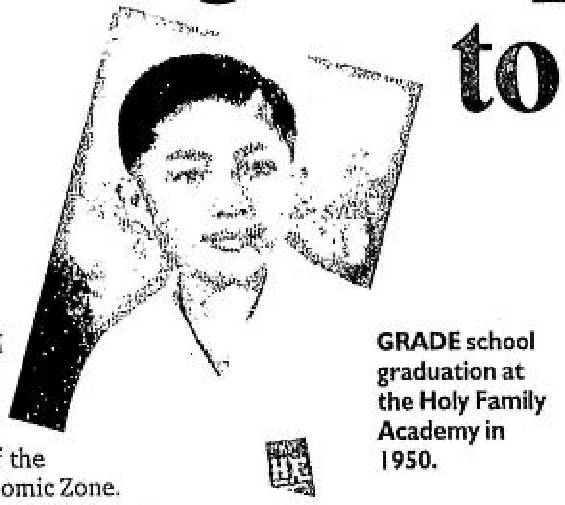
ANGELES receiving the 1971 TOYM award

He obeyed his mom and gave up his dream to fly



GRADE school graduation at the Holy Family Academy in 1950.

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo and Microsoft chair Bill Gates witness the signing between then Clark Development Corp. head Emmanuel Angeles and Microsoft president Richard Francis for the establishment of the Microsoft Training Center at the Clark Polytechnic in 2001.

By Jerry E. Esplanada

THE EARLY 1950s saw the birth of the Blue Diamonds, the famed aerobatics team of the Philippine Air Force.

In the next four decades, PAF pilots who initially flew propeller-driven P-51 Mustangs before switching to the more modern F86 Sabre and F-5 jets, delighted Aviation Week crowds with their daring aerial maneuvers.

But for Dr. Emmanuel Y. Angeles, those daredevil pilots and their flying machines had provided "more than the usual air show entertainment."

"At one point in my life, the Blue Diamonds were my inspiration. Barely 20 (in the mid-1950s), I was serious in becoming an Air Force pilot. I told myself I'd like to be one of them," recalls the former big boss of the Clark Special Economic Zone.

But Angeles, currently chancellor of the Angeles University Foundation or AUF in Pampanga, did not push through with his ambition.

"I acceded to my mother's request and became a lawyer instead. I was an obedient son," he says with a laugh.

After a two-year, pre-law course in a Davao school, he took up Bachelor of Laws at the Ateneo de Manila University. He later capped them with a Master of Laws and Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Sto. Tomas in 1968 and 1971, respectively.

SIGNING the roll of attorneys at the Supreme Court in 1962 with his parents as witnesses.

FIRST JOB

Angeles was only 25 when he passed the bar in 1961. "Initially, I handled pauper litigants. *Puro libre.* Most of the time, *ako pa ang nagbibigay ng pamasahe nila. Siguro 'yung kakalibre ko nang kakalibre* gave me a paying client who happened to be very big. *'Yung* supposedly *kikitain ko* for one year I earned from a single client."

"For my first pay check, I earned P50,000 which was big money during those days. I bought myself a white (with aqua blue-stripe) 1960 Impala for P25,000. I also ordered a new wardrobe. I went to Fifth Avenue in Escolta, home of the best tailors. I was also a regular at Botica Boie's famous coffee shop during the strip's glory days," he reminisces.

Angeles later sold his Impala "when my mother bought me a Mercedes Benz 190-D. She had promised to give me a car as graduation gift. A 1963 model like that one cost about P18,000. Up to now, I'm maintaining the Mercedes and I'm giving it to my eldest son (Joseph Emmanuel)."

"Of course, the Impala was memorable because it came from my earnings, but I value more my graduation gift," he notes.

His mother, Barbara Yap-Angeles, was the original educator in the family.

In May 1931, she founded the AUF, then called Angeles Academy, the city's first private high school. It operated for only two years but was reopened in 1962 under the name Angeles Institute of Technology.

In 1971, after only nine years of operation, the AIT was elevated to university status by the government, which also gave the go-ahead to rename it to Angeles University.

Inspired by the guiding philosophy that "no one should be denied education because of poverty," the Angeles family converted the AIT in 1975 into a non-stock, non-profit institution. Thus, the name change to Angeles University Foundation.

Fifteen years later, a 150-bed medical facility was put up on the AUF grounds, serving as the region's first-ever training and research hospital.

His vision has been "practically realized already. That is, make AUF a center of excellence in Central Luzon. The state has granted the school autonomous status, a recognition given to only 40 universities in the entire nation."

"AUF is still named after our family. But we don't own anything here except, of course, my trophies and awards for the past 45 years," he quips.

Angeles has received, among others, the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) award for social education in 1971, Papal Award of the Noble Knighthood of the Pontifical Order of St. Sylvester in 1983, Ulirang Ama Award for Education in 1987, and Outstanding Thomasian Alumnus Award in education in 1999.

Angeles, also a recipient of several honorary degrees from prestigious universities in Europe and the Asia-Pacific and ex-honorary consul of the East African state of Eritrea to the country, took over as AUF president in 1976.

Another "proud moment" for Angeles was his appointment in March 2001 by President Macapal-Arroyo as president and CEO of both the state-run Clark Development Corp. and Clark International Airport Corp.

Angeles considers as "highlights" of his Clark stint the infusion of more than P11 billion in investment and the generation of over 112,000 jobs and nearly P1 billion in government revenues.

His accomplishments had probably prompted Ms Arroyo to tell a Clark gathering Angeles "can stay as CDC president and CEO for as long as he wants."

But Angeles believed otherwise. Last February, he announced his retirement from government service, noting "it's time to embark on another chapter of my life and discover more great possibilities."

His four-year CDC experience was "truly worth the blood, sweat and tears," he says. "The monumental task of overseeing the management and operations of CSEZ has given me a great sense of accomplishment."

Another source of pride for the lawyer-educator is his pioneering initiative—the Movement for a

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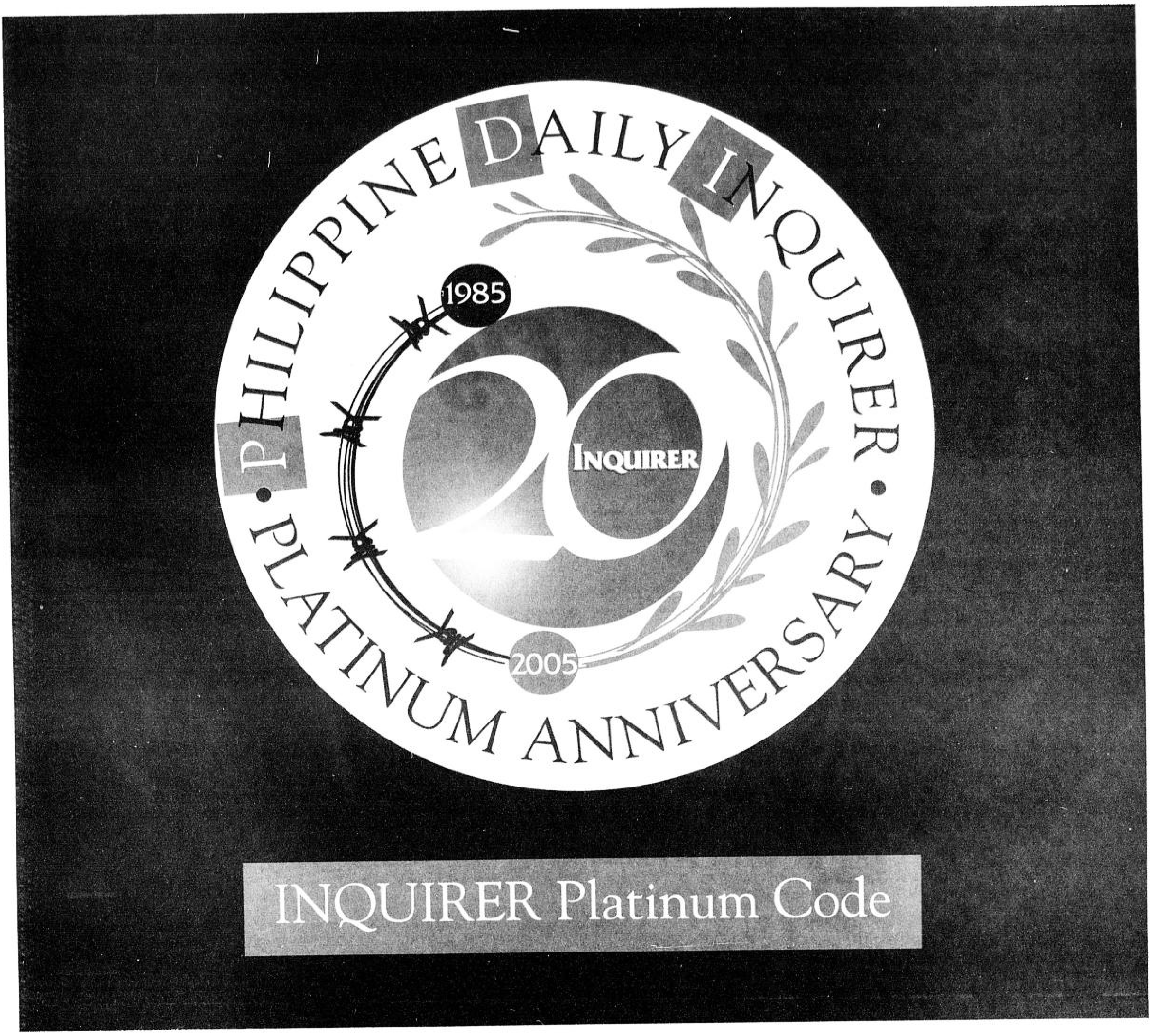
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Couple to put Philippines on wine map

By Leah P. Makabenta

GREG Araño would like to see the day when the Philippines will be as noted for its wines as the famous wine-producing regions of Europe, California, Chile and Australia.

"We have a lot of fruit. We are known internationally for our tropical fruit exports. Why not wines?" says Araño, the laid-back advocate of the growing Philippine wine movement.

Araño likes to think, however, that unlike his competitors, he produces a sophisticated and smooth product which could grace any table of discriminating diners.

"Our product is unique. These are serious wines, using natural fruit alcohol, fermented to wine-quality strength," the former advertising man and snack food manufacturer says of his Patubas-an—Ilonggo term for harvest—line of duhat, mango, bignay, guayabano and pineapple wines.

Patubas, located in the Science and Technology Park of the University of the Philippines in Los Baños, Laguna, began making wines in 2004 and only brought out its first batch of 2,000 bottles a few months ago.

Much of last year was spent ascertaining fruit quality and sourcing, tasting random samples and conducting informal blind-tasting among friends and family.

Zeny, Greg's wife and Patubas vice-president, says you really have to be serious about producing a quality product to engage in the wine-making business.

"If wines are to be given a decent time to ferment, it's at least two years from production to market," she says.

Patubas fruit wines are fermented and aged for a minimum of six months to a year. They contain wine-grade 12 percent alcohol by volume.

"They are made from all-natural fruit, no fruit concentrate is added," says Araño.

The company's two processing facilities in Los Baños and Las Piñas have the capacity to produce 20,000 bottles a year.

The UP in Los Baños is well-suited to midwifing the fledgling Philippine wine industry.

Ideal location

Los Baños is surrounded by the orchards and gardens of Laguna and Cavite, two provinces whose volcanic soil and well-developed irrigation system are excellent for growing the pineapple, mango, guayabano and other fruits that make for good wine ingredients.

In fact, UPLB scientists have been conducting experiments in fermentation of tropical fruits for some years with the idea of adding value to the region's agricultural products.

In the early 1990s, the Ramos administration established the science park in the UPLB campus with the idea that entrepreneurs could make use of the research and experiments of the UPLB scientists and turn them into profitable businesses.

Laguna is now a rising center of technology for agriculture, and fruit wines are the latest trendy export to figure in the trade and industry department's various export promotion roadshows.

"The market potential is good. We could do any fruit you can imagine," says Araño.

Araño, who is a wine enthusiast, had his interest in wine-making sparked by the Sevilla line of Philippine fruit wines, which was quite big in the 1970s but had unaccountably disappeared.

It is wrong to think, he says, that just because we are too southerly to grow grape it would not be possible to produce and bottle wines.

Wine, which is the fermented juice of fruit, can be made from any fruit. All fruits ferment naturally and will produce alcohol under the right conditions.

When Araño says that his wines are serious, he means that they are well-balanced. The residual sweetness of the fruit is balanced with the right amount of acidity.

The Patubas method is to mash the fruit through a wine press that the Science Park provides.

The juice is then left to ferment and age in sealed glass jugs to prevent any air from entering.

The fermented juices are then transferred into clean glass jugs until they are clear and settled. They are then filtered and transferred to into wine bottles and left for six months to a year.

Patubas imports its cork stoppers from China where they also have custom-made the PVC capsule, embossed with the company initials, that seals every bottle.

Easy drinking

Araño says that what he makes are table wine cheap enough to drink at dinner every day, like people do in Europe.

Patubas wines are fresh, young, easy-drinking and food-friendly, though they can also be drunk alone.

In most blind-tasting parties with friends, Araño says the mango emerged as the most preferred, being slightly sweet.

(Patubas products are available at supermarkets and groceries or at the company offices in 25 DBP Road, Pulanglupa, Las Piñas, telephone (632) 546-6783 and (632) 825-7308, e-mail gvamgmnt@info.com.ph.)

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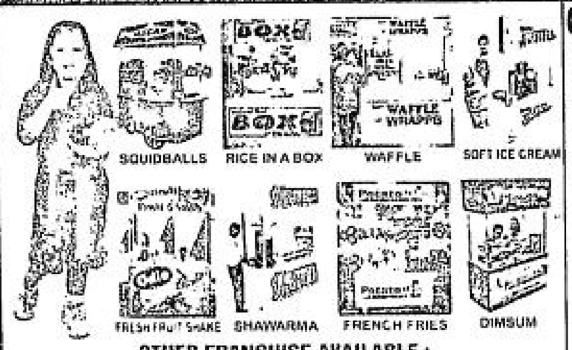

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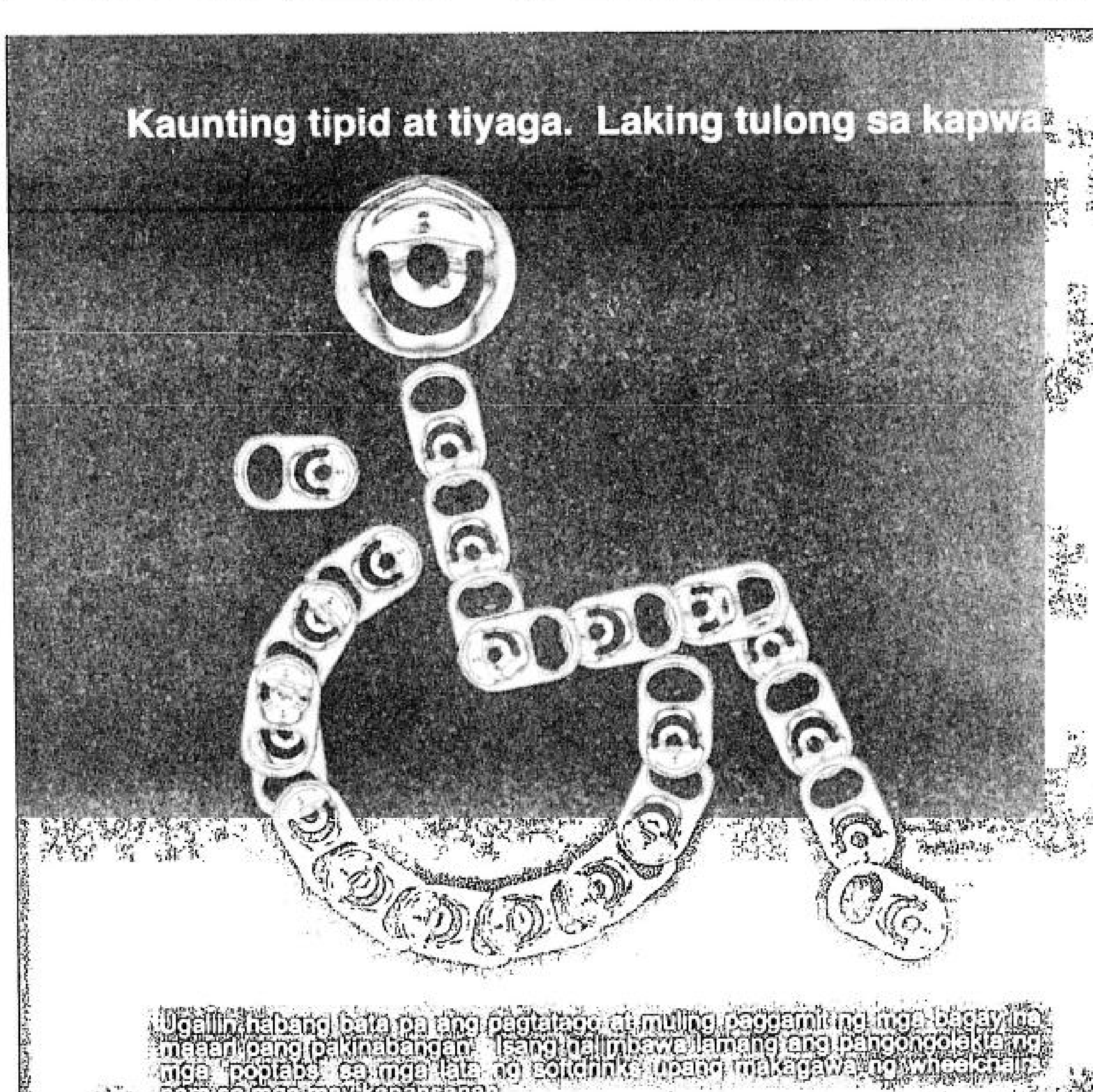

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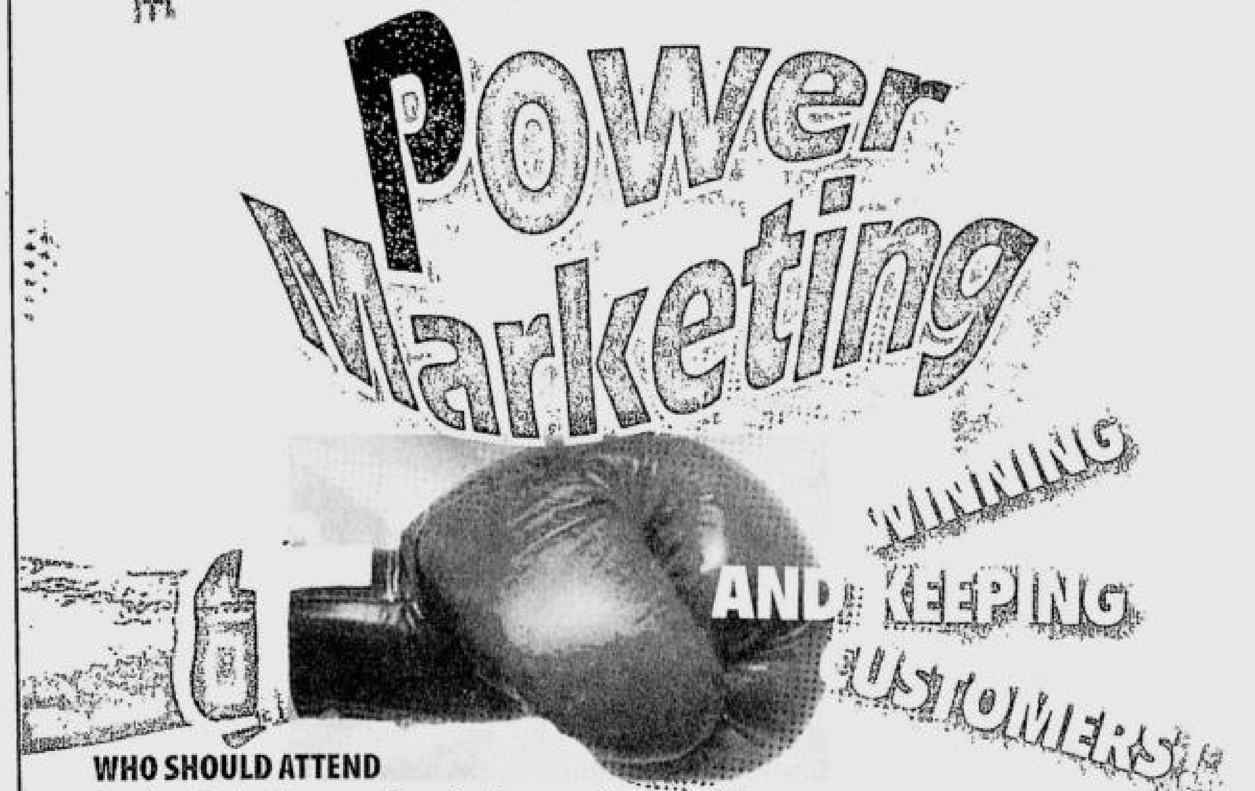

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Giant software firm veers toward SMEs

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Software retailer Oracle Philippines Corp. has focused its 2005 and 2006 marketing resources on small and medium-scale businesses, encouraged by the growth of its client base in the public sector, according to its top official.

Yashi Kant, Oracle managing director, said there has been an "extremely positive" reception from cottage and medium-scale enterprises (SMEs) engaged in food, manufacturing and retail to technology that provides real time information."

Oracle sells software suites that interface all information obtained from accounting operations, sales and industry developments that enable firms to arrive at informed decisions at any given time.

The firm's officials held a two-day media briefing here last week to introduce its product line.

Government has been a chief Oracle market base, Kant said, although the firm also services leaders in the local banking, telecommunications and manufacturing sectors.

The Social Security System, the Philippine National Bank and the Land Bank of the Philippines now rely on Oracle products.

Clearly in developing markets like the Philippines, government needs to [deliver public service much] easier," Kant said.

Kant said Oracle is committed to and we will continue to invest in the Philippines" despite the political crisis in the country.

It was the government's policies to expand computerization to the remote towns that provided Oracle the opening to market to small businesses and local governments, he said.

Oracle classifies Philippine markets as "underpenetrated industries," he said.

The National Computer Center has taken the lead in opening up local governments to the Internet by linking them to the web and by developing dedicated web sites for these local towns. The NCC projects respond to an electronic governance law that obliges all government agencies to transact government purchases trough the Internet.

Kant said small and medium-scale trade remains an enduring business sector in the Philippines, which contributes 70 percent to the national revenues.

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ORACLE managing director Yashi Kant

He said 99.6 percent of the 800,000 active enterprises in the Philippines are small and medium-scale operations.

He said demand is high from small industries that have learned to use information management technology to survive stiff competition and the unstable environment.

But cost-effective pricing is the chief attraction of Oracle products in the Philippine SME market, said Maria Angelica Rapadas, senior director of Oracle's consulting services.

Kant said there is a growing popularity in the public sector for shareware (software that is shared in the Internet), which is slowly replacing brand software like Microsoft.

This is crucial to Oracle, which has adopted shareware Linux for its software product line and for all its programming work, enabling it to save P1 billion globally, he said.

Oracle products are designed using a Linux computer operating system, Kant said.

Because Linux is now popular among government agencies, this program is ready for prime time" in the Philippines, he said.

Oracle's acquisition of chief rival People Soft in 2004 increased profits for its Asia Pacific market, he said.

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Bucking the retail space surplus trend

FEDERAL Land Inc. (FedLand), the property arm of Metrobank, one of the country's largest banks, is bucking the trend of retail space surplus in Metro Manila with its latest strip mall, the Blue Wave at the Marquinton, close to full occupancy ahead of its opening next month.

Federal Brent Retail president Edward Tan said the three-story Blue Wave Marquinton has attracted strong demand from merchants, restaurants, and service providers because of its potential as the first commercial development in Marikina city for more than a decade.

Tan reported that the Blue Wave Marquinton has attracted major retailers such as Starbucks, Watson's drug store, Jollibee Foods Corp., Max's Fried Chicken, KFC, Pancake House, Pizza Hut, Yellow Cab, Superbowl, Gerry's Grill, Swatch, Fuji Film, Kodak, Innove Communication, Mendrez Shoes, Rusty Lopez and Timezone arcade.

Real estate expert Colliers International pegged the vacancy rate in Metro Manila's retail area at 15 percent which it expects to hit 17 percent by year-end with the completion of big shopping malls.

With the deluge of commercial space, Colliers noted that more developers are turning to niche retail by building "smaller scale malls" in the mould of FedLand's Blue Wave strip malls.

"We have seen notable projects focusing on this format—district centers (25,000 to 50,000 square meters) and neighborhood retail (25,000 square meters)," Colliers said.

Tan said the strong uptake for retail space at the Blue Wave Marquinton reaffirmed the market's growing demand for strip malls

Blue Wave Marquinton is expected to start full operations soon with the opening of its four state-of-the-art cinemas.

Marquinton (or Marikina Town Center) is a P5-billion planned community in the cleanest and best managed city in the Philippines which will have medium-rise residential condominiums catering to families looking for an affordable and cozy place in a lush and setting that is within reach of Metro Manila's key urban centers.

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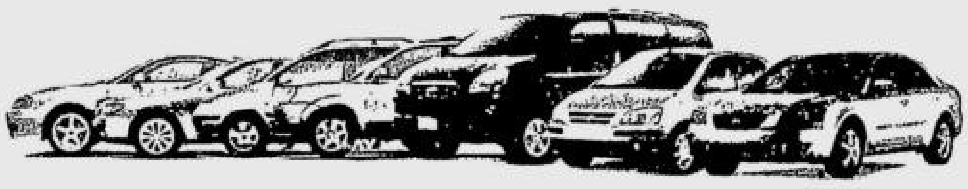

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Bits & Clips

Eagles at Ayala Greenfield

AYALA Greenfield, the exclusive residential subdivision where nature and a wealth of experiences meet, will host a special event for its residents and future homeowners today between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. During the event, the Center of Philippine Raptors will conduct an exhibit of regal Philippine hawk eagles. There will also be a unique bird show and exhibit that spectators of all ages will enjoy. The event is a testament to Ayala Greenfield's dedication to living with and progressive co-existence with nature. Ayala Greenfield is a community that offers its residents a unique mountain lifestyle with a depth experiences from its numerous outdoor and indoor amenities unmatched by any other residential development in the country. For more details, call 728-7000 or e-mail ayala-sales@ayalaland.com.ph.

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Kiddie party fares

IF YOU'RE a Nestle Club member, then troop to the Julius Maggi Kitchen (JMK) and attend the cooking demo on delicious, innovative and easy-to-prepare children's party fare. Aside from the cooking demo, there will also be a lifestyle lecture on balloon arrangement. Learn different ways to mix and match balloon shapes and sizes as decors for special occasions or as a fun and profitable business venture. Bring along friends who are not yet members of the Nestle Club and win prizes in the "Bring a Friend Raffle". You can also join the "Lucky Labels" promo by bringing labels of Nestle products. These timely and useful activities happen on July 19, 21, 23 and 26 from 2 to 5 p.m. (with Saturday morning sessions from 9 a.m. to 12 noon) at the Julius Maggi Kitchen, ground floor, Nestle Center, 31 Plaza Drive Rockwell Center, Makati. Call 723-7679 or 726-1016 for details.

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Big sale at Power Plant Mall

POWER Plant Mall, home of premium brands, opens its doors to shopping enthusiasts for a mall wide sale from July 15 to 17. Mark your calendars for a weekend of sheer bliss as world renowned brands give out discounts from 25 to 70 percent off.

Don the hottest in fashion trends with Springfield, Kenneth Cole, cK Jeans, and Anne Klein. Treat your tootsies to the best of Bally, Bass, Lacoste, Nine West, and Salvatorre Ferragamo. Spice up the look with elegant, timeless pieces from Philippe Charriol. And touch it up with Beauty Bar's latest cosmetic products.

Take a detour to Mango to see the newest styles in European apparel and footwear and indulge in a fashion makeover while enjoying up to 70-percent discount on all items.

"Big Brands! Big Sale!" at Power Plant Mall boasts of over 100 participating outlets. Go on, pamper yourself and choose from a wide selection of discounted items from shoes, accessories and apparel to toys, gadgets and home furnishing at prices you can't miss.

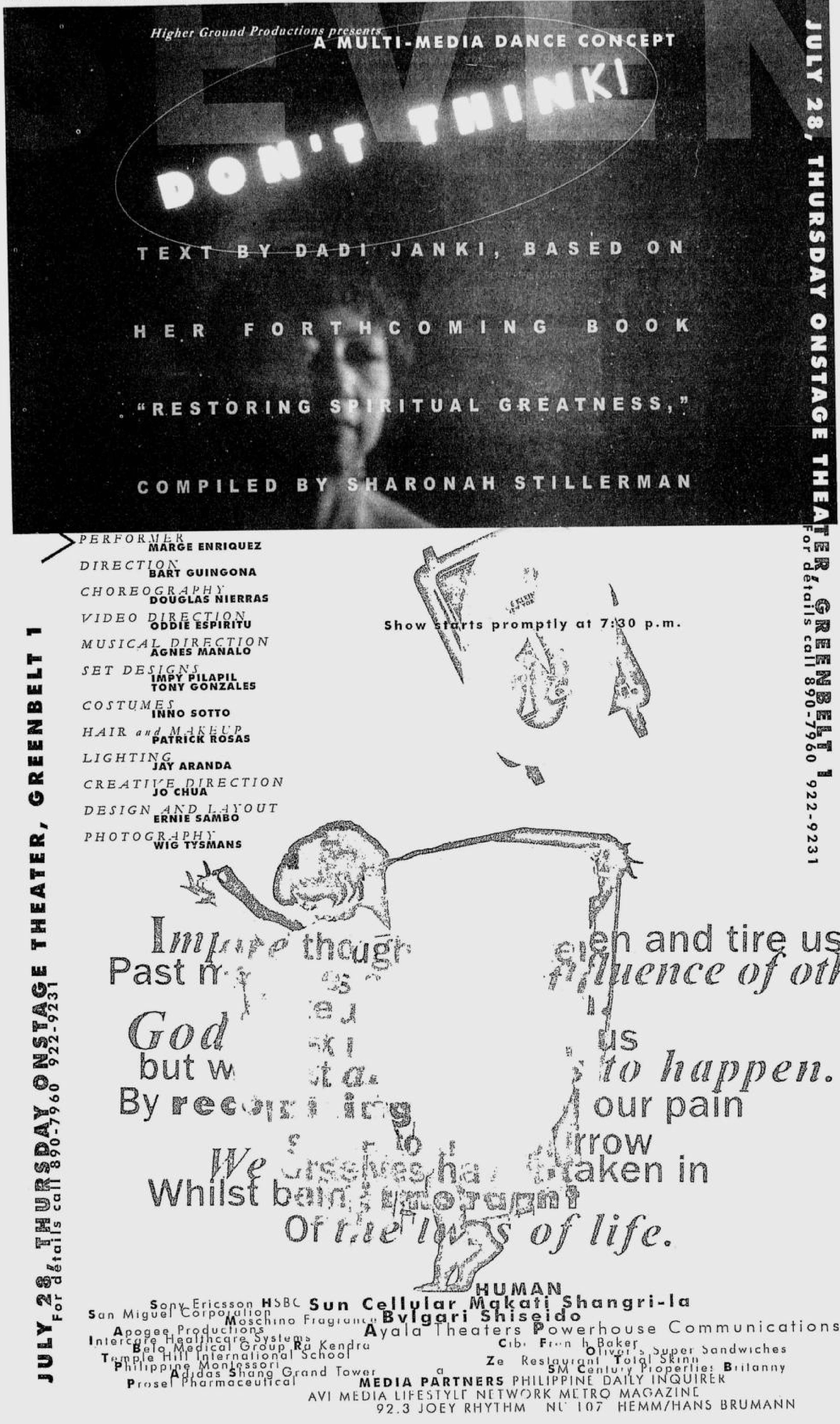
Spend less on great finds at the "Big Brands! Big Sale!" at the Power Plant Mall from July 15 to 17.

H&L tackles kids' health

DEDICATED to help parents understand the complex and challenging needs of children, Health & Lifestyle magazine's July issue focuses on children's health and practical tips on childcare. This month's topics range from antibiotics, vaccines for kids, Down syndrome, childhood diabetes and obesity.

H&L's July issue marks the second appearance of actress and host Janice de Belen on the magazine. This time, Janice is joined by her kids as she shares the joys, the challenges and fulfillment of raising kids while having a flourishing career.

Aside from these articles, the magazine is also packed with the latest news and trends in the practice of medicine and in the healthcare industry. You can grab a copy of Health & Lifestyle at National Bookstores and magazine outlets nationwide. For subscription inquiries, call 892-0723 to 24, 812-8696, or 816-4801.



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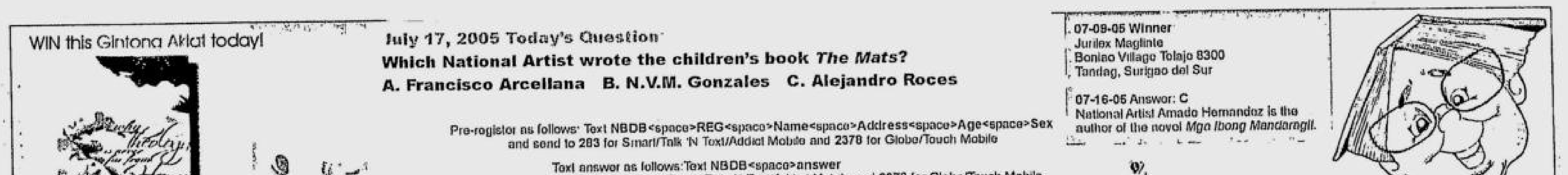

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Giving women a second chance

By Joyce C. Abaño

FILIPINA performers and entertainers who go to Japan usually do so because of their poverty-stricken lives in the Philippines. But sometimes, their search for a better life leads to more misery and sometimes tragedy.

Many of these Filpinas end up abused, discriminated against, and harassed. Many get pregnant and are abandoned by the father of their children. Some choose to stay in Japan to work something out; others come home and face a bleak future.

HAND-WOVEN shawls, scarves, hand floats and batik handkerchiefs

The Development Action for Women Network (DAWN), a nongovernment organization that assists Filipino women migrant workers in Japan and their Filipino-Japanese children in the promotion and protection of their human rights and welfare, has taken a big step to help those who want to have a second chance.

And the second chance provides not only income but a means to help these women get over their traumatic experiences.

Carmelita Nuqui, DAWN's executive director, says working on familiar crafts can be highly therapeutic. "We think that sewing together separate pieces of fabric signifies putting one's life together, a symbol of having one's life renewed, so to speak."

"That's where our organization's Sikhay comes in," she adds.

Sikhay is an alternative livelihood project of DAWN. It started last March 2, 1996 as a sewing project.

"After a series of counseling, we encourage our members to learn certain skills and develop and improve themselves so that they can apply for a job elsewhere and earn their living; support themselves, their child or children and not only rely on the financial assistance we provide them for a time," Nuqui explains.

Creating to sell

"Because even if the organization is there to help the women with Filipino-Japanese children locate the fathers, it's not still very sure if the fathers will recognize their children or support them," she adds.

Nuqui says that in some cases, the fathers try and support the children, but only temporarily.

"We were also thinking that if we take the women in as members and advise them, show them these skills, they might decide not to go at all. So, more or less, this is also like a preventive measure," Nuqui says.

"We named our project Sikhay, from sikap buhay, because this project aims on helping our members strive and work hard to better themselves," she adds.

Sikhay has four component projects: sewing, handloom weaving, silk making and tie-dye. Knitting has just been recently added.

Sikhay helps fund the organization as well as provide a highly therapeutic, creative and artistic endeavor for DAWN members.

Training

"When we started with Sikhay, we only had two borrowed sewing machines and several batik cloths in a small room in the DAWN office," Nuqui divulges. "And edging and button-holing were done in a market nearby."

Sikhay now boasts of a wide array of machines and dyeing vessels and its own production room beside its office at the Don Santiago Building on Taft Avenue.

DAWN provides training for the women at the DAWN Center as well as to other groups like the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda), Philippine Textile Research Institute (PTRI), and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Varied products

"Years ago, we used to buy hand-woven cloth from Baguio and sew it here at the center. But when more and more women joined Sikhay, we decided to think of another component to accommodate all of them, and that's when we decided to do weaving... and then tie-dying after that," Nuqui says.

Produce of DAWN members include hand-woven and silk shawls, scarves and bags; batik and polyester dresses and blouses; tie-dyed shirts and skirts, table runners, placemats; and batik and cotton wrap-around skirts, letter holders, pen holders, card holders, eyeglass holders, pot holders and passport holders.

Around 115 women have benefited from the training in Sikhay which included learnings on business management.

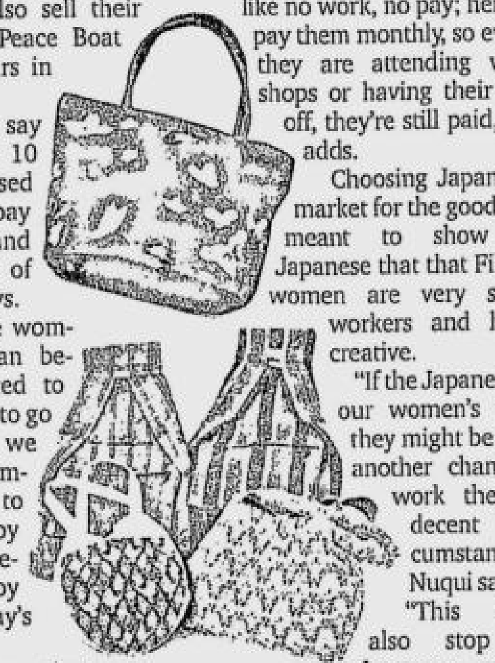
"We teach the women the different operations of running a business; teach them the financial side to it, the quality of the products to establish and the budgeting. A training they'd need for when they start their own businesses or seek employ elsewhere," Nuqui says.

Nuqui, who has been working in Sikhay for almost 10 years, says that DAWN-Japan helps them in marketing their Sikhay products in various trade shops and bazaars in Japan. They also sell their products on the Peace Boat and several bazaars in Manila.

"I am proud to say that for the past 10 years, we have raised enough funds to pay for the workers and for the expenses of Sikhay," Nuqui says.

"Some of these women went to Japan because they wanted to save some money to go to school. So now we encourage the women to go back to school, just like Joy here," she says, referring to Mary Joy Barcelona, Sikhay's coordinator.

Barcelona says that with Sikhay's help, she was able to go back to school and is currently studying entrepreneurial and business management.



BATIK and hand-woven bags

Early beginnnings

Nuqui, who is also the president of the Philippine Migrants Rights Watch, says that during the first few years of DAWN, they were funded by CORDAID (Catholic Organization for Relief and Development), a funding partner and agency based in the Netherlands. They have helped various NGOs in the Philippines.

She adds that now, most of their resources come from DAWN-Japan, Sikhay and their sponsors.

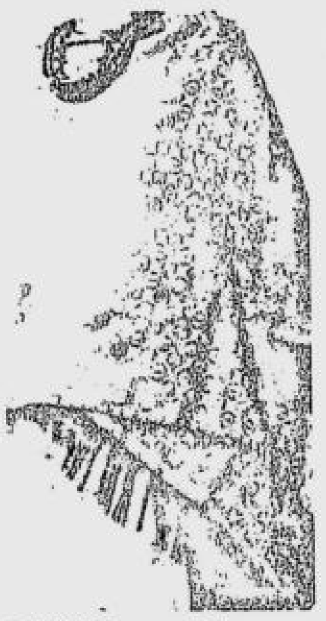
"We pay monthly salaries to the women doing our livelihood projects," Nuqui says.

"Our different projects take on a maximum of 15 women and unlike in some factories where the workers are paid daily, which is like no work, no pay; here we pay them monthly, so even if they are attending workshops or having their days off, they're still paid," she adds.

Choosing Japan as a market for the goods was meant to show the Japanese that that Filipino women are very skilled workers and highly creative.

"If the Japanese see our women's work, they might be given another chance to work there in decent circumstances," Nuqui says.

"This might also stop the Japanese women from thinking Filipinas are *mang-aagaw ng mga asawa nila*. We really want to change that," she adds.



A FINELY woven light maroon shawl with a light colored wrap-around skirt

Other than Sikhay, DAWN also offers theater workshop for the women and children. Every year, they choose among the kids who have attended the theater workshop and ask them to join the prepared musical for that year.

"We take the children to perform in the different cities in Japan; just the children because bringing their mothers as well would cost more," Nuqui says.

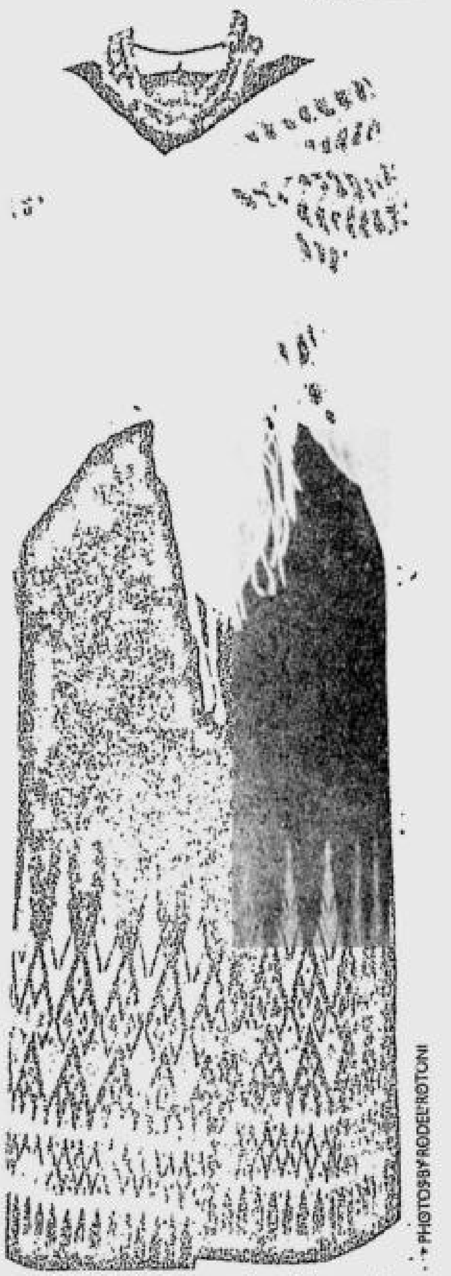
"This is also an opportunity for the kids to learn the Japanese culture and for some, to meet their fathers," she adds. "This is also an opportunity for us to introduce our culture to the Japanese."

DAWN also gives writing workshops, which, Nuqui said, is also a form of therapy for the women.

"The women wrote about their experiences in Japan and we had it published with the help of FES (Friedrich Ebert Stiftung)," Nuqui shares

The books are titled "Moving On," and "Pains and Gains."

Nuqui proudly exclaims that the Japanese and other foreigners appreciate the products they produce.



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WHITE cotton shawl draped over a navy blue batik dress

ANGELES with wife Cornelia and children (from left) Gabriel Martin, Sofia Grace and Joseph Emmanuel.

He obeyed his mom ...

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Strong Philippines or MSP, a "non-profit, non-political and non-partisan organization aimed at educating and preparing young people from all levels for leadership roles in the future."

Angeles turned 70 recently. But he is still pumped up with seemingly unflagging optimism, especially now that he's back at the university.

"I wake up at 3 in the morning every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to be able to play golf from 5:30 to 7:30 in Mimosa in Clark, then rush here (at AUF) to do my work until 5 to 6 p.m. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, I get up at 6, hear Mass at 7 then do my work in Manila the whole day."

Angeles strongly believes in the "power of prayers." Not surprising for somebody who once wrote becoming a priest as his ambition on a grade school slumbook.

"I can't thank the Lord enough for all the blessings I have received," he says, asserting confidently his mantra "blessings will surely come your way if you put hard work and prayers together."

His "weekends are devoted to family members. Sometimes we see a movie or go malling with my daughter (Sofia Grace). I like to spoil her. Actually, I have a tendency to spoil my children," he disclosed. Like Sofia Grace and Joseph Emmanuel, his other son, Gabriel Martin, is also a lawyer.

"It's been one proud moment after another for me. Like when I passed the bar, my marriage in 1974, seeing all my children become lawyers was an addition to the list," he points out.

Angeles and wife Cornelia are devoting the rest of their lives to community work, developed with his many years of involvement with civic groups like the Jaycees.

"In fact, we've dedicated the university and the medical center to community service, which I'm sure will make our days more challenging and interesting," he says.

The AUF head believes that "aging gracefully does not mean basking in luxury and engaging in leisure activities to keep those lines from showing."

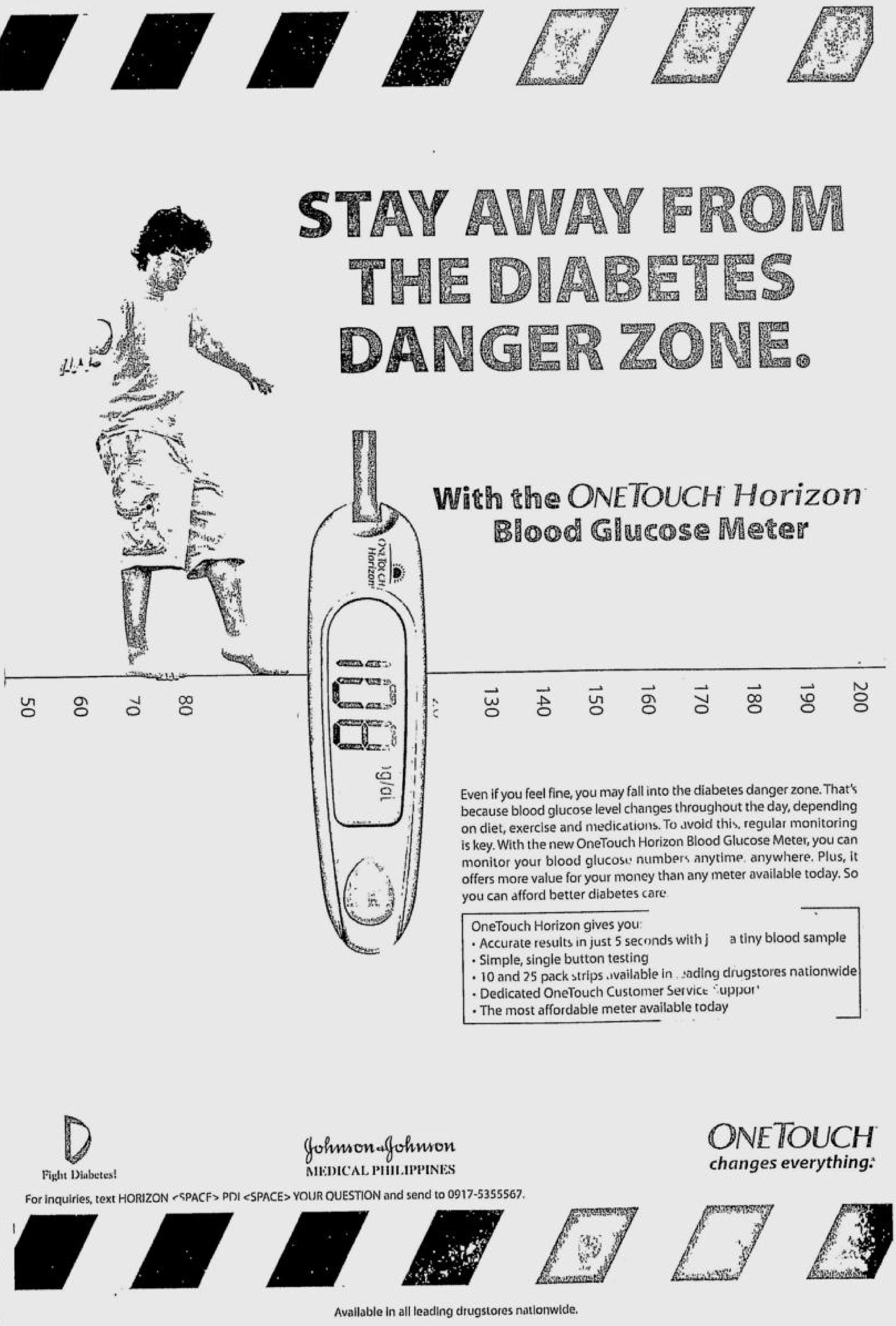
Quoting noted American educator Nathan Schaeffer, Angeles said:

"At the close of life, the question will not be how much have you got, but how much have you given;

"Not how much have you won, but how much have you done;

"Not how much have you saved, but how much have you sacrificed;

"Not how much were you honored, but how much have you served."



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Food haven at the heart of business districts

WITH the advent of skyscrapers, walkways, and food courts, there is another novelty that adds color to Metro Manila's commercial business districts. The formal and imposing structures of corporate offices along Ayala Avenue are toned down with the entry of Jollibee, the first fast food chain to ever open in this major business thoroughfare, a milestone in the QSR (quick service restaurant) industry.

Ever since it opened last February, the Jollibee store at the Philippine First Building in Ayala has always been packed with businessmen and office workers especially during lunch time. Long queues of young professionals and executives in business suits and office attire are a usual sight in this store. The store along with other Jollibee stores in the Metropolis is open 24-hours to cater to those who are working at night especially with the booming call center industry in the metropolis.

The fast-paced life in the urban capital and the necessity for comfort and convenience moved Jollibee to consider the needs of professionals to enjoy great-tasting food in a jiffy. "Opening our stores at strategic locations and making them available for 24-hours are Jollibee's response to the growing needs of our customers. Our thrust is to spread happiness and good cheer and we feel that we could only achieve this if we become more sensitive to the market and approach them with a proactive attitude. We are happy to know that our store along Ayala Avenue is serving a great number of people," says Inez Reyes, Jollibee VP for marketing.

Committed to provide working adults value-for-money dining experience that is accessible and convenient, Jollibee recently opened its second Ayala store in the newly renovated Insular Life building and its first store in the Ortigas Center along Emerald Ave.

Makati and Ortigas workers welcome Jollibee's effort to bring its stores within business centers. "For office goers like us who are always on the go, we are thankful that there is a Jollibee store which is very near and accessible to our work place. Given our hectic schedules and the stress we go through at work, we only want to eat in a place where we know we can lighten up and enjoy great-tasting and value-for-money meals," young professional Cheya Cunanan shared.

And for those who are swamped with deadlines and meetings all day and don't have time to go out of the office to grab a bite, there is also the Jollibee Express Delivery service. Just dial 8700 to have delicious Jollibee meals delivered to your office in no time.

Motorists plying the commercial business district route can drive-thru Jollibee stores and bring their favorite meal to work or take home a jolly pasalubong to families and loved ones. With Jollibee's services, working adults can have langhap-sarap happiness even at work, anytime of the day.

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CAFE LUPE SIGNS PAOLO SANTOS

Cafe Lupe signs acoustic genius Paolo Santos for a series of concerts to be held at the various branches of the restaurant. Present in the contract signing are Paolo Santos (center, left) and Alvin Carranza (center, right). Also present are (from left) Emilia Cruz, Sasha Venegas, Troy Alcala and Marcy De Borja. For booking and reservations call 896-3166, 896-3076 or 890-3319.

AMA establishes IT school in Jeddah

IN KEEPING up with its aim for global expansion and international excellence, AMA Education System (AMAES) is set to establish a vocational and technical school in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia this coming September 2005.

Strengthening AMAES' position as the first IT university to expand internationally and to put up an educational facility in Jeddah, the significant undertaking is a joint venture between AMAES and the Jastania Group, a big conglomerate of companies based in Jeddah.

The project is set to offer world-class IT-based education only AMAES can expertly provide. And with Jastania Group's valued contribution, the objectives of making AMAES' education more competitive and responsive to the needs of the global industry and workplace would definitely reach higher proportions.

Investing in Jeddah is an astute move for any business. It is one of the leading Saudi ports and the busiest commercial centers in the world. Industries include iron and steel plants, oil refineries, and construction.

AMAES president Amable C. Aguiluz IX said the venture would ultimately place AMAES further in the map as the leader and forerunner in IT innovations and advancements. "Possessing the advantages of a dynamic Internet infrastructure and advanced satellite technology operation, AMA's huge network ensures reliable and effective connectivity for all its international campuses in Bahrain, Bangladesh, China, Saudi Arabia and Hong Kong as well as its local campuses nationwide," he pointed out.

"Our school system makes a conscious effort to complement the needs of the global market for high quality education, be it in IT, business, maritime, or healthcare. We recognize the IT-based education requirements of the global economy catering not only our countrymen living outside the Philippines but also other nationalities as well. This is the reason why we have expanded to other countries in order to deliver world-class academic programs AMA is known for.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) based courses are the most in-demand in the gulf region and in developed countries such as Saudi Arabia due to advancements in the IT industry. The highly skilled graduates produced by AMA can capably fill up these demands," he further stressed.

AMA Education System prides itself in having global and industry leaders as partners in its quest for progress and advancement. It is recognized as Asia's largest network of IT colleges and universities.

FRANCHISE 2005 INCUBATION CENTER

Sen. Francis Pangilinan (center) leads the franchise industry in opening the incubation center of the Franchise 2005 expo at the World Trade Center Manila. Scheduled to run from July 15 to 17, Franchise 2005 showcases over 250 business concepts in various fields of enterprise. Its incubation center serves as a one-stop shop for franchise development, especially for small and medium enterprises. Flanking Pangilinan are, from left: Bb. Pilipinas-Tourism Wendy Valdez, Philippine Franchise Association (PFA) president Bing S. Limjoco, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry chair Sergio Ortiz-Luis, Science and Technology Secretary Estrella Alabastro, TV host Cory Quirino, International Franchise Association global marketing chair Peter Holt, Bb. Pilipinas-International Precious Quigaman, and Employers Confederation of the Philippines chair Miguel Varela.

ASIANLIFE FINANCIAL HONORS TOP PERFORMERS

AsianLife Financial Assurance Corp (Alfa) honored its top performers during a recognition dinner at Rockwell Center, Makati City. The company also took pride in having two of its sales associate make it to the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT), a premier association of the world's top professionals in life insurance. In photo, are the awardees with Alfa president and CEO Manuel Tordesillas, vice chair Eulogio Mendoza, EVP-COO Enrique Alberto, FVP Manolito Nati, senior regional marketing director Flora Tayo, MDRT qualifier Eva Villalon and Court of the Table Macabuhay Tayo.

Clips

99 Peso Store joins PFA exhibit

THE INNOVATIVE retail chain 99 Peso Store has scored another first as it unveils its unique rolling store franchise. Featured in the Philippine Franchise Association (PFA) exhibit at the World Trade Center in Pasay City, the 99 Peso Rolling store is a custom-built L300 van retrofitted with retail operations implements such as display shelves and swing out full side openings. It enables the store operator to bring the 99 Peso store merchandise directly to the market, making it ideal for serving customers whose locations are far from traditional malls and town centers. The 99 Peso Rolling Store's design in itself is a cost-efficient marketing tool since it serves as a full-sized rolling billboard when it travels to locations or even when it is parked. Check out the highly imaginative and innovative 99 Peso Rolling Store franchise at Booth #713 – 714 of the PFA Exhibit which runs until today (Sunday, July 17) or call Clang Chua or Malot Te at (632) 732-9291, (632)732-0833 or 0917-839-0100.

SME Development Week

THE SMALL and Medium Enterprise Development (SMED) Week will be celebrated from July 18 to 24. In celebration of the SMED Week, there will be free entrepreneurship briefing sessions and skills training. The briefing sessions will be conducted at the Function Room B, Building B of SM Megamall while skills training will be at the BSMED Briefing Room in Makati City. Also scheduled is the holding of an "SME Expo", a selling fair which will be participated in by over 100 SMEs showcasing various regional products. The expo will run from July 20 to 24 at Megatrade Hall, Building B of SM Megamall. For inquiries and reservations on the briefing sessions, call the SMED Council Secretariat at 890-4968, 897-7596 and 897-1680. For the skills training, call DTI-CITC c/o Jonah de Pedro at 941-4561, 942-3974 and 948-2875.

See Philippine Eagles at Ayala Greenfield

AYALA Greenfield, the exclusive residential subdivision where nature and a wealth of experiences meet, will host a special event for its residents and future homeowners today, July 17, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. During the event, the Center of Philippine Raptors (i.e., birds of prey) will conduct an exhibit of regal Philippine hawk eagles. There will also be a unique bird show and exhibit that spectators of all ages will enjoy. The event is a testament to Ayala Greenfield's dedication to living with and progressive co-existence with nature. Ayala Greenfield is a community that offers its residents a unique mountain lifestyle with a depth experiences from its numerous outdoor and indoor amenities unmatched by any other residential development in the country. For further details on Ayala Greenfield, call (632) 728-7000, log on to www.ayalagreenfieldestates.com.

HCCA NURSE GETS NOD OF US HOSPITAL REPS

Photo shows Jeffrey Canlas, a nurse who underwent rigorous preparation under the aegis of HCCA is congratulated by Gay Nassri and Roxanne Baier of Children's Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, after successfully passing her interview during HCCA's June Fest!, an event which had face-to-face interviews between US hospital representatives and HCCA nurses, held recently at the Oakwood Premier in Makati. The event enabled 13 visiting US hospital representatives and an additional 4 hospitals in the United States, which conducted phone interviews with the Philippines, to approve more than 90 HCCA nurses within a week's time. It is estimated all of these nurses who now have US assignments and have undergone intensive pre-selection preparation under HCCA, will depart sometime within the next six (6) to nine (9) months for America. It is the first time in the history of nurse staffing industry in the Philippines that such a large number of client hospitals from the US have interviewed nurses in the country under one roof at one time. HCCA's clinical preparation, reviews and acculturation programs, assures hospital clients high quality, competent and capable RNs who can work efficiently in America as soon as they are posted. HCCA hires nurses through the POEA and interested nurses may call Ms. Blenda or Mr. Edwin from the Government Placement Branch at 722-1174 to 75 for hiring requirements.

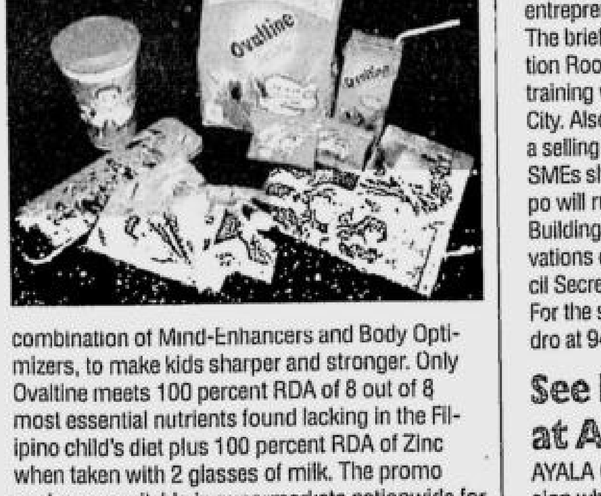
VENTURE 7 HOLDS FUND RAISING PROJECT

Recently, the Venture 7 dynamic ladies had a very successful fund raising 'Let's Twist Again' project in the ballroom of Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Makati with the bands of Spirit of '67, Bloomsfield and Elderly Brothers. Proceeds of this grand affair helped their personal and company's charities, namely, Mahaveer Foundation, Virlanie Foundation, Immaculate Conception Church in San Felipe, Zambales, Kalikasan Vigilantes - Ambil Balatoan and Makabata Foundation. For their next project, they are already choosing concessionaires for their Christmas Bazaar on Oct. 9 and Dec. 4 in the ballroom of Intercontinental Hotel, Makati. For further details, call Maricris at 810-3307, 818-8468 or Linda at 372-3083 to 84. Photo shows the Venture 7 ladies (from left): Pilie Aquino (project chair), Chit Gohu (project co-chair), Consul Fortune Ledesma (project director), Celine Bautista (president), Lita Gelano, Linda Villadelgado and Fanny Blanco.

Product FILES

Ovaltine powers Ragnarok

OVALTINE Power, a favorite choco health drink of kids, has recently tied up with Ragnarok, the top-rating anime program. Ragnarok is a popular program shown every Saturday morning on ABS-CBN, and is also the number 1 online computer game with over 350,000 fanatics in the Philippines and over 25 million worldwide. Kids will go crazy over collectible Ragnarok items from Ovaltine, like premium quality pencil cases, colorful tumblers, and action-packed trading cards with every Ovaltine Power 1kg pack, 600g pack, 300g pack, respectively. Cool and hip iron transfers are also available with every purchase of 12 pieces of Ovalteenies 8g packs, while eye-catching notepads are free with every 6 packs of Ovaltine ready-to-drink 250ml. Ovaltine Power is loved by both kids and moms, for its delicious taste and its balanced nutrition. It has Activ8 Power + Zinc - a breakthrough combination of Mind-Enhancers and Body Optimizers, to make kids sharper and stronger. Only Ovaltine meets 100 percent RDA of 8 out of 8 most essential nutrients found lacking in the Filipino child's diet plus 100 percent RDA of Zinc when taken with 2 glasses of milk. The promo packs are available in supermarkets nationwide for a limited time only so collect them all now!



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Department of Land Reform

BIARSP

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The **Belgian Integrated Agrarian Reform Support Programme** (BIARSP) is a bilateral development programme between the Governments of the Philippines and Belgium. Its aim is to assist the Department of Land Reform (DLR) formerly Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) to successfully complete the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

BIARSP is currently on its third and final phase of implementation. BIARSP is regarded as one of the most important programmes for agrarian reform. It is highly regarded on account of its integrated approach covering not only agricultural support services but also education, public health and institutional capacity building.

To further strengthen the programme's implementation, its Technical Support and Coordination Office (TSCO) is seeking to recruit the following:

- **Two (2) Rural Infrastructure Support (RIS) Coaches**

In coordination and consultation with the Catch-Up Plan Manager and the DLR Regional & Provincial Program Management Office Engineers, the successful candidates will among others: coach on the management of RIS project; review and assess relevant documents; assess the execution capacity at the LGU level; and report delays in project management process, and consequently execution, immediately.

- **One (1) Public Health (PH) Coach**

In coordination and consultation with the Catch-Up Plan Manager, the successful candidate will among others: administratively follow-up on approved PH activities; coach on the management of the PH projects; and report delays in project management process, and consequently execution, immediately.

Detailed tasks and responsibilities and required qualifications for the above positions are posted on www.biarsptsco.org and interested applicants are urged to review the Terms of Reference (TOR) before applying. Interested parties should write to the **BIARSP – TSCO, 2nd Floor Sol Y Mar Bldg., Cor. Rizal Blvd. – San Juan Street, Dumaguete City, Oriental Negros**, either by fax to (035) 422-7736, or by e-mail to tsco@biarsp.org on or before July 22, 2005. Or you may call us at tel #s: (035) 225-5929-30; 225-8661; 422-7459. *Electronic applications are encouraged.*

DUTY FREE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

DUTY FREE PHILIPPINES, a division of the Philippine Tourism Authority invites interested contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for:

DFP 2005 SECURITY SERVICES

CONTRACTS	APPROVED BUDGET OF CONTRACT
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Security Services for Area III (NAIA I/Cebu Mactan/Cebu Lahug)	P 10.33 M

The prospective Security agency should be:
1. Duly licensed by Philippine National Police (Regular License to Operate) for at least three (3) years;
2. Has an office in Metro Manila,
3. At least two (2) years experience within the last five (5) years in providing security services in any reputable retail establishments engaged in mall operations, with an annual gross receipts of not less than Php2.58 based on 2003 sales with a contract price of Php7M (annual);
4. Minimum number of three hundred (300) licensed guards on active duty.
5. With at least one hundred (100) licensed firearms (i.e. shotgun, caliber .38 revolver, 9mm pistol),
6. Licensed by the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) to operate radio communications facilities with a minimum number of one hundred (100) radio transceivers and five (5) base units;
7. Owns or its shareholder/s owns shares in a private security training school/center duly accredited by the PNP-SAGSD, or has an authority to conduct in-service training issued by PNP, or currently in agreement with the duly accredited security training school/center within Metro Manila;
8. Complying with the BIR and SSS rules and regulations, and labor laws and standards.

The Approved Budget of the Contract is chargeable against DFP Corporate Fund. The contract duration is one (1) year

Interested bidders may obtain a complete set of bidding documents from the Purchasing Department, Duty Free Philippines, EHA Bldg., N. Aquino Avenue, Parañaque City on July 25 & 26, 2005, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) in the form of cash. Pre-bid Conference is scheduled on August 4, 2005, Thursday at 1:00 PM, EHA 3rd floor Conference Room. Submission and opening of bids and eligibility check shall be on August 16, 2005, Tuesday at 9:00 AM. Bids submitted after the deadline shall not be accepted. All applicants shall be notified on the results of the eligibility check.

Eligible security agency/ies may bid in all contract. However, only one (1) contract shall be awarded to the bidder. Therefore, bidders are required to clearly mark and/or indicate the order of preference described in the Bid Forms 1, 2 & 3. Failure to do so, shall mean outright rejection of the bid by the BAC

Unless otherwise indicated in the Instruction to Bidders or other bidding and contract documents all particulars relative to the procurement and contract implementation shall be governed by R.A. 9184 and its implementing rules and regulations

Duty Free Philippines reserves the right to waive any formality on the eligibility requirements of this project. Furthermore, DFP reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered as a result of this invitation, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder/s.

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CREBA expo 2005
'OUR WORLD UNDER ONE ROOF

CREBA EXPO 2005

The **Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Association (CREBA)** will hold the country's first-ever Developer's Summit – **CREBA Expo 2005** – carrying the theme ***"Our World Under One Roof"***.

Over 500 developers, government agencies, local government units, schools, media outfits, banks, private and public financing institutions and suppliers and contractors will gather at the World Trade Center on July 27 to 30 to participate in the said event.

In support of the program, the **Philippine Daily Inquirer** will publish a special tabloid sized supplement dubbed as **CREBA EXPO 2005** on ***July 24, 2005.*** This magazine, dedicated to the biggest exhibit in the country's real estate and construction industry, promises to provide maximum media mileage to you, our advertisers.

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PCCO
PHILIPPINES-CANADA COOPERATION OFFICE
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Coffey
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The Philippines-Canada Cooperation Office (PCCO) is soliciting proposals for the conduct of a:

SURVEY ON LOCAL CONSULTANTS FEES

Background

The PCCO is a Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) bilateral project managed and implemented by Coffey Philippines Inc. It provides a cost-effective and efficient mechanism for the provision of in-country professional consulting services, administrative and logistical support services in the planning, implementation and monitoring of the CIDA program in the Philippines.

In support of CIDA's program, the PCCO from time to time requires the services of local experts and specialists. It would like to obtain a sense of the prevailing billing rate of these locally hired individual consultants in the field of development assistance.

Scope of Work

- Obtain the present market rates charged by local individual consultants with various expertise, particularly in the field of development assistance;
- Review the experience of other users of local consulting services, particularly comparable project management offices of like donor agencies, with regards their fees paid to local consultants;
- Identify the parameters for determining local consultant fees, and a discussion on the methodologies; and
- Develop guidelines and a model for fee determination.

Technical Requirements

- Relevant experience in conducting fee surveys
- Related training and experience (of the work team) in conducting similar surveys
- Knowledge of and familiarity with development assistance in the Philippine context
- Soundness of methodology; also creativity/originality

For further details and submission requirements, please refer to the Request for Proposal (RFP) currently posted at www.pcco.org.ph; or you may e-mail pcco@pcco.org.ph **(subject: RFP_Fee Survey).**

The deadline for submission of proposals is at **12 noon, Friday, 12 August 2005**.

PRISM
PRIVATE SECTOR MOBILIZATION FOR FAMILY PLANNING

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FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

The Private Sector Mobilization for Family Planning (PRISM), a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under contract number 492-C-00-04-00036-00 and implemented by a consortium led by Chemonics International, Inc. is soliciting offers for:

Conduct of a Survey to Determine the Potential for Installing Workplace Family Planning Programs in Call Centers in the Philippines

Background

The PRISM Project supports USAID/Philippines' Strategic Objective 3, *desired family size and improved health sustainably achieved*, focusing on three components: 1) increased **workplace** support for family planning (FP) services and referrals, 2) establishment of viable, mass **market** brands of hormonal contraceptives, and 3) increased business value of FP among **private practice** providers.

The Component 1(Workplace Initiatives) of PRISM aims to increase formal employment sector support for FP service delivery in the workplace. The activities that will be undertaken to accomplish this aim include, among others, the conduct of outreach activities to increase business leaders' public discussion of population and FP issues, increased firms' support for workplace FP programs, the development of cost-effective and sustainable workplace models, and the replication of these models whenever feasible.

The objective of this procurement is to solicit responsive offers from qualified, responsible Philippine-based research companies/firms, research foundations, or non-government organizations (hereafter referred to as "Offeror") for the conduct of "Survey to Determine the Potential for Installing Workplace Family Planning Programs in Call Centers of the Philippines". The research study aims to gather information of call centers to determine the potential and effective approaches for setting up a workplace family planning program.

Qualification Requirements

- If a non-US or non-Filipino firm is selected for award, ***the firm must meet specific criteria for PRISM to obtain a source and origin waiver from USAID.*** Information on these criteria are available upon request.
- Must have a team of qualified personnel to manage and execute the project; and
- Must be in operation for the past 5 years.

For a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP), please get in touch with Ms. Vivien S. Cabanban, Subcontracts Specialist at (02) 490-0060 to 65 or 635-2397. You may also email: contracts@prism.org.ph.

The deadline for submission of proposals is on or before 11:00 A.M, Wednesday, August 10, 2005.

Questions on RFP must be submitted on July 21, 2005 by e-mail or fax and will be addressed during the bidders' conference **scheduled on July 26, 2005 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the PRISM Office, 23rd Floor, Wynsum Corporate Plaza, 22 F. Ortigas Jr. Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.**

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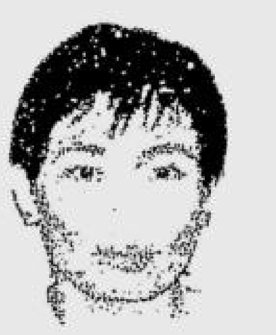

EDNA MORA
A.K.A. EDNA HERNANDEZ

Be it known that warrants for the arrest of **EDNA MORA** of Josefa Village, Tanauan, Batangas, whose picture appears above, have been issued by the Regional Trial Court Fourth Judicial Region Branch 63 of Calauag, Quezon, in Criminal Cases Nos. 3772-C, 3773-C for violation of ESTAFA.

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Employers highly welcome new NLRC chair

THE EMPLOYERS Confederation of the Philippines (Ecop) hailed the appointment of Labor Undersecretary Benedicto Ernesto Bitonio, Jr. as chair of the National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC).

ECOP President Rene Y. Soriano said the NLRC needs the caliber of Undersecretary Bitonio to undertake reforms and bold initiatives at the NLRC to be more responsive in swiftly addressing labor relations disputes and cases of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs). Soriano noted that employers and the labor sector highly regard Undersecretary Bitonio's brand of leadership, unquestionable integrity, commitment and dedication as a public servant who rose from the ranks. "People in government like Undersecretary Bitonio deserve to be rewarded," Soriano stressed.

Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Manila

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the World Bank towards the cost of the Judicial Reform Support Project (JRSP) and intends to apply a portion of the loan to eligible payments under this Contract.

One of the initiatives identified in the reform program is the Judicial Reform Support Project (JRSP), which is being financed by the World Bank (WB). This particular initiative seeks to 1) improve case adjudication and access to justice: 2) enhance the integrity infrastructure of the Court; and 3) strengthen the capacity of the Supreme Court to manage the Judiciary. The project will be implemented for a six (6) year period, with loan effectiveness date commencing in December 2003 and closing December 2009. To ensure the effective and efficient realization of the JRSP, and consistent with the Judicial Reform objectives, the Supreme Court through the Program Management Office (PMO) intends to engage the services of two (2) Documentation Specialists.

The Supreme Court of the Philippines now invites two (2) individual consultant as **Documentation Specialist.**

Interested individual consultants must have the following minimum qualifications:

- Graduate of Computer Science, Business Administration and other related courses
- Experience in Technical Writing or ISO documentation
- Advance knowledge in using PC, Microsoft Office Suite application and MS Project
- Knowledge in using Visio is an advantage

Interested individual consultants are required to submit not later than 4:30 P.M. on 22 July 2005 one (1) original and four (4) copies of their Letter of Intent and Curriculum Vitae to **Justice Presbitero J. Velasco, Jr.,** Court Administrator and Chairman, JRSP-Bids and Awards Committee c/o Director Nestor U. Venturillo, Head, JRSP-BAC Secretariat, 6th Floor, Centennial Building, Supreme Court of the Philippines, Ermita, Manila.

The Individual Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, January 1997 (revised September 1997, January 1999 and May 2002).

The Supreme Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids or offer waive any defect or informality therein and accept the offer which it deems most advantageous to the Court.

July 17, 2005.

(Sgd.) JUSTICE PRESBITERO J. VELASCO, JR.
Court Administrator and
Chairman JRSP-Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - July 17, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF LAND REFORM
Provincial Land Reform Office
San Francisco, Agusan del Sur

NOTICE OF COVERAGE AND FIELD INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 7 of R.A. 6657, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, landowners, listed below with their landholdings and location are hereby notified that their landholdings are now covered under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program.

LANDOWNER	LOCATION	TITLE NO.	LOT NO.	AREA	DATE OCULAR INSPECTION
1. La Purisima Agricultural Corporation	La Purisima Prosperidad	P-9817	SWO-10-000165	616.0500	August 15-19, 2005
2. Sta. Irene Agro Forest Development Corporation	Mabuhay Prosperidad	P-9814	SWO-10-000169/ Psd-100306-019078 (AR)	706.1901	August 22-26, 2005
3. Esperanza Agro Forest Development Corporation	Mabuhay, Prosperidad	P-9818	SWO-10-000165	864.4925	August 22-26, 2005
4. Prosperidad Agricultural Corporation	San Lorenzo, Prosperidad	T-14588	Bsd-13-000 598 (AR)	669.6693	August 15-19, 2005
5. Prosperidad Agricultural Corporation	San Lorenzo, Prosperidad	T-14587 598(AR)	Bsd-13-000	144.0947	August 15-19, 2005
	TOTAL			3,000.4966	

In this connection may we invite the landowners or their authorized representatives to a field investigation to be conducted on the date indicated herein. During the investigation, landholders may choose or pinpoint their retained area in accordance with Section 6 of R.A. 6657, which area should be more or less contiguous. Failure to attend said meeting or to choose retained area will mean that the office is given the discretion to identify the same.

Landowners are also advised to bring Statement of Production and Net Income on the said landholdings to be used as input in the determination of the land value.

Under Executive Order No. 405, dated 14 June 1990, we shall request the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) to determine the land value of the said properties being acquired pursuant to Section 17 of R.A. 6657. As soon as we received the Memorandum of Valuation from LBP, we shall advise the landowners of the computed land value of the properties.

(Sgd.) FE B. MERCADO
Provincial Agrarian Reform Officer II

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Peacefully joined our Creator,
parents – Adriano and Petrona,
sister – Belen

Her loving sisters **Aning Alinsod** and **Tanching Gawaran**, nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren request for prayers for the repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Bethany Chapel, Rizal Funeral Homes, Libertad, Pasay City.

Interment will be on July 20 after the 8 a.m. Mass at Manila North Cemetery.

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MR. ISABELO S. CHIOCO

Peacefully joined his Creator and wife Virginia
on July 15, 2005 at the age of 83.

His loving children **Johnny** and **Carmen**, **Danilo** and **Lulu**, **Ernesto** and **Nida**, **Marivin** and **Alex**; grandchildren **Bryan**, **Michael** and wife **Jessica**, **Michelle**, **Daniel**, **Emmanuel**, **Bullitt** and **Pappish**; great grandchildren **Michael** and **Richard**, other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the San Lorenzo Ruiz Chapel of St. Peter Memorial Chapels at Quezon Avenue near corner Scout Chuatoco, Quezon City.

Interment will be at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City on the 20th of July - Wednesday after the 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass.

Death Notices

EDILBERTO FETALVERO

Peacefully joined his Creator
on July 15, 2005 at the age of 68.

His body lies in state at Eric Santiago Memorial Chapel, Concepcion, Marikina City.

Interment to be announced later.

ATTY. BENITO M. SABBAN

January 12, 1928 – July 14, 2005

His remains lie in state at the Good Shepherd Parish Ascension Chapel, Fairview, Quezon City. After which, he shall be transferred to the St. Peter's Cathedral in Tuguegarao City on Monday, July 18, 2005.

Interment will be on Friday, July 22, 2005, where the Holy Mass will be presided by His Excellency, Most Rev. Diosdado A. Talamayan, D.D. Arzobispo nat Tuguegarao.

RET. JUDGE GABRIEL "BETTY" VALLE JR.

Peacefully joined his Creator
on July 12, 2005 at the age of 77.

His remains lie in state at their residence at #4 Burgos St., Tuguegarao, Cagayan.

Interment will be on Wednesday, July 20, 2005 at the Tuguegarao Memorial Park, Sanctuary of Peace, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

CONRADO N. LANOT

Peacefully joined his Creator on July 13, 2005
at the age of 74

His loving wife **ANICIA**, children & In laws **Virgilio** & **Jannet**, **Susan** & **Alan**, **Liberty** & **Boyet**, **Antonio** & **Olivia**, **Richard** & **Ofelia**, **Imelda**, **Ferdinand** & **Elsa**, grandchildren, relatives & friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at 1134 Prudencio St., Sampaloc Manila.

Interment will be on July 19, 2005 (Tuesday), 2:00 pm at La Loma Cemetery.

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The Private Sector Mobilization for Family Planning (PRISM), a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under contract number 492-C-00-04-00036-00 and implemented by a consortium led by Chemonics International, Inc. is soliciting offers for:

Conduct of a Survey to Determine the Potential for Installing Workplace Family Planning Programs in Call Centers in the Philippines

Background

The PRISM Project supports USAID/Philippines' Strategic Objective 3, *desired family size and improved health sustainably achieved*, focusing on three components: 1) increased **workplace** support for family planning (FP) services and referrals, 2) establishment of viable, mass **market** brands of hormonal contraceptives, and 3) increased business value of FP among **private practice** providers.

The Component 1(Workplace Initiatives) of PRISM aims to increase formal employment sector support for FP service delivery in the workplace. The activities that will be undertaken to accomplish this aim include, among others, the conduct of outreach activities to increase business leaders' public discussion of population and FP issues, increased firms' support for workplace FP programs, the development of cost-effective and sustainable workplace models, and the replication of these models whenever feasible.

The objetive of this procurement is to solicit responsive offers from qualified, responsible Philippine-based research companies/firms, research foundations, or non-government organizations (hereafter referred to as "Offeror") for the conduct of "Survey to Determine the Potential for Installing Workplace Family Planning Programs in Call Centers of the Philippines". The research study aims to gather information of call centers to determine the potential and effective approaches for setting up a workplace family planning program.

Qualification Requirements

- If a non-US or non-Filipino firm is selected for award, ***the firm must meet specific criteria for PRISM to obtain a source and origin waiver from USAID.*** Information on these criteria are available upon request.
- Must have a team of qualified personnel to manage and execute the project; and
- Must be in operation for the past 5 years.

For a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP), please get in touch with Ms. Vivien S. Cabanban, Subcontracts Specialist at (02) 490-0060 to 65 or 635-2397. You may also email: contracts@prism.org.ph.

The deadline for submission of proposals is on or before 11:00 A.M, Wednesday, August 10, 2005.

Questions on RFP must be submitted on July 21, 2005 by e-mail or fax and will be addressed during the bidders' conference **scheduled on July 26, 2005 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the PRISM Office, 23rd Floor, Wynsum Corporate Plaza, 22 F. Ortigas Jr. Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.**

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID ON

Name of Project : **INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD**

Brief Project Description : **The CCP is opening for public bidding the installation and operation of an electronic billboard within the CCP complex on a monthly lease basis.**

The evaluation and approval of the proposals for the said billboard shall take into consideration the design and contents of the billboard which should be in harmony with the CCP's thrusts, the CCP Master Development Plan, and the financial components.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act."

All particulars relative to the eligibility, bid evaluation and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of RA 9184.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the BAC Secretariat (c/o Cecilia E. Funtinilla) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below starting July 14, 2005 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000.00). The method of payment will be in cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

The CCP BAC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on July 27, 2005; 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm at the CCP Boardroom

Bid and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on or before August 11, 2005. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of cash/certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit, or bank guarantee or surety bond. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Bid opening shall be on August 11, 2005 at 3:00 pm. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

The CCP reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID ON

Name of Project : **SALE OF TWO RESIDENTIAL LOTS**

Brief Project Description : **The properties for sale are the two (2) residential lots covered by Transfer Certificates of Titles (TCT) Nos. N-197838 and 197839, including the improvements thereon, located at Nos. 6 & 8, Kanlaon St., Barangay Sta. Teresita, Sta Mesa Heights, Quezon City, with an area of 800 square meter each or a total area of P1,600 square meters.**

Minimum Bid Price : **P32,610,000.00**

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act."

All particulars relative to the eligibility, bid evaluation and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of RA 9184.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the BAC Secretariat (c/o Cecilia E. Funtinilla) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below starting July 14, 2005 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) only. The method of payment will be in cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

The CCP BAC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on July 27, 2005; 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm at the CCP Boardroom.

Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on or before August 10, 2005. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of cash/certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit, or bank guarantee or surety bond. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Bid opening shall be on August 10, 2005 at 2:00 pm. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

Award of the sale of the above properties shall be based on the best bid proposal received from the bidders.

The Bidder shall be given every opportunity to investigate, inspect and verify the properties offered for sale to ascertain the actual conditions thereof as well as the status of the titles.

The CCP-BAC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID ON

Name of Project : **LEASE OF A CANTEEN SPACE AT THE CCP COMPLEX**

Brief Project Description : **The canteen space has an area of 143 square meters with a parking area of 189 square meters located at the CCP Administrative & Finance Building fronting Catalino Palisoc Street and the Manila Bay.**

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act."

All particulars relative to the eligibility, bid evaluation and award of contract shall be governed by the provisions of RA 9184.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the BAC Secretariat (c/o Cecilia E. Funtinilla) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below starting July 19, 2005 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee in the amount of ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000). The method of payment will be in cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

The CCP BAC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on August 03, 2005; 2:00 pm at the CCP Boardroom, 3/F Tanghalang Pambansa CCP (Main Bldg.)

Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on or before August 17, 2005. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of cash/certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit or bank guarantee or surety bond. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Bid opening shall be on August 17, 2005; 2:00 pm at the CCP Boardroom. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

The award of the lease of the above spaces shall be based on the highest responsive proposal received from the bidders.

The CCP reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform the public that **IVONIE MALATE ALONZO** of No. 8 block 2 Lansang Village, General Santos City, whose picture appears above, is no longer connected with the following Corporations since May 18, 2005

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3. **THE GREEN PLANET CORPORATION**

Any transactions undertaken by Ms. Alonzo in behalf of the said corporations after the said date will not be honored by the company.

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Invitation To Apply For Eligibility And To Bid

PROCUREMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND PERIPHERALS

IAEB NO. 2005-8-9 (5)

1. The Department of Health (DOH), through the 2005 General Appropriations Act (GAA) intends to apply the sum of *Ten Million Nine Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Philippine Pesos (PHP 10,958,750.00)* being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the Contract for the Supply and Delivery of Information Technology Equipment and Peripherals.
2. The DOH now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the procurement of Information Technology Equipment and Peripherals. Delivery of the GOODS is required by thirty (30) calendar days upon receipt of approved Contract and Notice to proceed. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.
4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the DOH and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by Interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Six Thousand Five Hundred Philippine Pesos (PHP 6,500.00). Payment shall be strictly on a cash basis. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.
6. The DOH will hold a Pre-bid Conference open to all interested parties on July 26, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., at the address below.
7. Bids and eligibility requirement must be delivered to the address below at or before 10:00 a.m. on 9 August 2005. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the following form and amount in Pesos. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Form of Bid Security	Minimum Amount in % of the Approved Budget for the Contract for the *[lot(s) or items]* for which Bid is Submitted
Cash, certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit	One percent (1%)
Bank guarantee	One and a half percent (1.5%)

8. Bid opening shall be on 9 August 2005 not later than 10:00 a.m. at the address below. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
9. The DOH reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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(PDI – July 17 & 24, 2005)

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(PDI--July 17, 2005)

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Energy Center, Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

PNOC-Energy Development Corporation (PNOC-EDC) invites interested contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the project:

SUPPLY OF WORK-OVER DRILLING SERVICES (EDC 05-113)

The Approved Budget is P19,349,700.00 chargeable against PNOC-EDC fund. The contract duration is Ninety (90) calendar days.

Application Forms for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be secured from the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group (c/o N.A. Nicolasora) starting July 18, 2005 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Pesos: One Thousand Five Hundred (P1,500.00)

For the purpose of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held on July 25, 2005, 10:00 A.M. at 1st Floor Building 5, PNOC-EDC, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City Metro Manila

Applications for Eligibility and sealed bids shall be received by the PNOC-EDC Contracts Administration Group at PNOC-EDC, 1st Floor Building 5, PNOC-EDC, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, Metro Manila, not later than 2:00 P.M. on August 2, 2005 and shall be publicly opened immediately thereafter.

PNOC-EDC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informality therein, to abort the bidding process, to accept such bids or to award any part of the work to any bidder whose bid is considered most advantageous to PNOC-EDC

(PDI – July 17, 2005)

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INVITATION TO SUBMIT OFFERS

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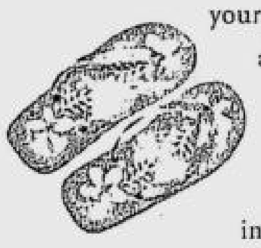

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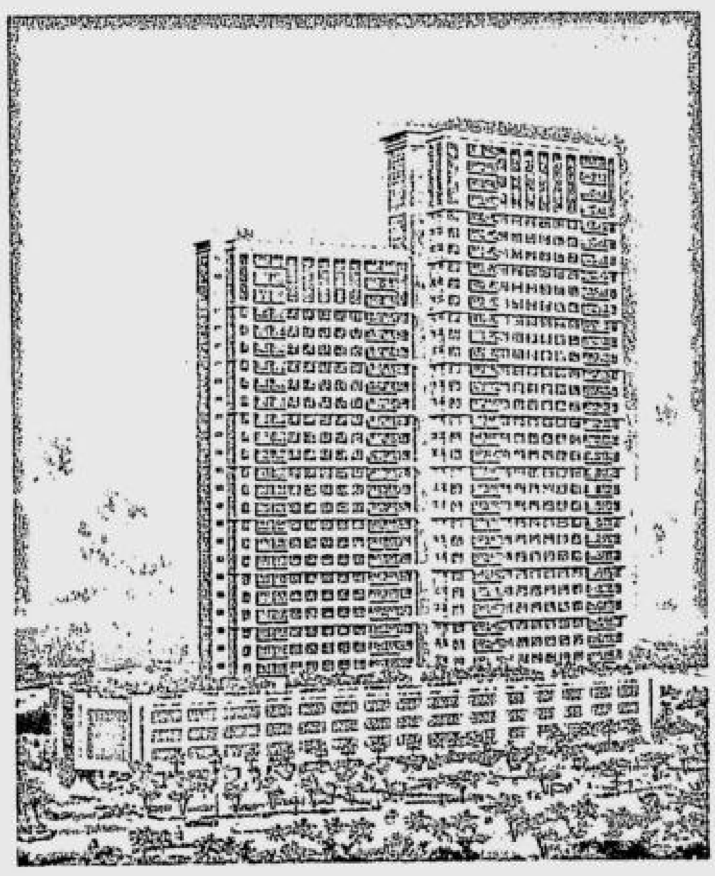

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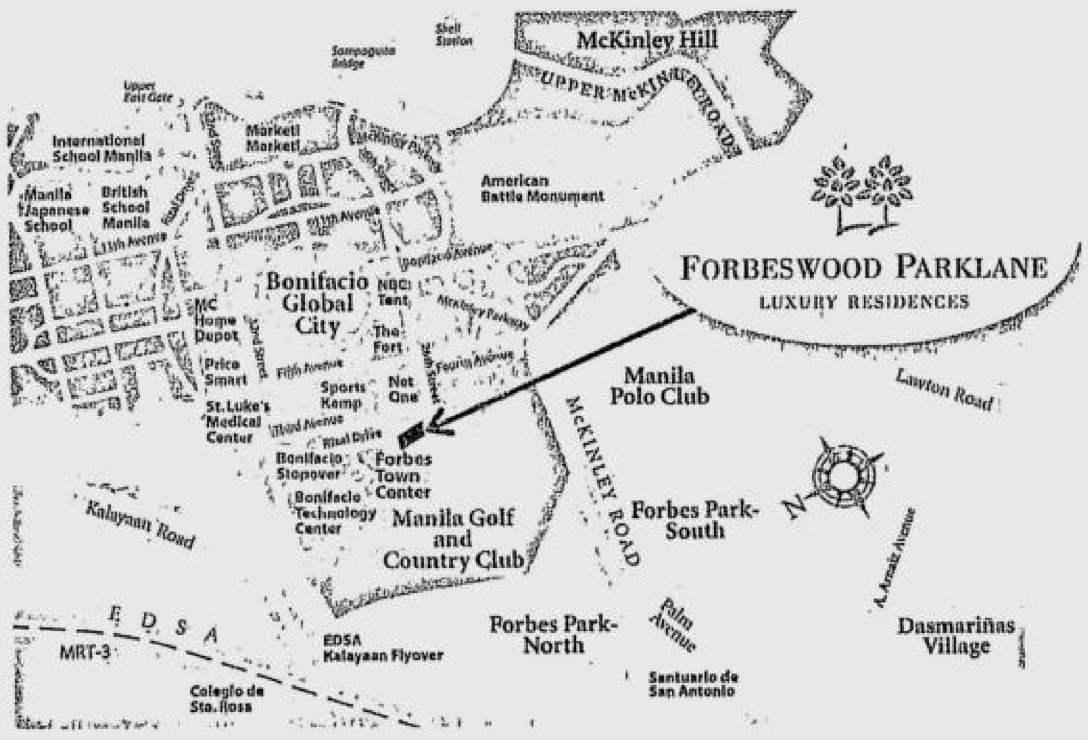
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THE INXS FACTOR
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MUST-watch TV
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Pinoy 'Rockstar,' rainbow parties and Jackie O glasses

T'NT
TRENDS & TRENDINGS
Anton San Diego

MUST-WATCH TV show—"Rockstar: INXS." Got a call from my friend, chef **Suzette Montinola**, who told me about her cousin who is participating in this new reality TV show produced by none other than **Mark Burnett** (of "Survivor" and "Apprentice" fame).

The show is a singing competition (a better "American Idol"?) and the last one standing will become the lead singer of rock band INXS. I caught the TV show on Star World and was impressed with the vocals and the performances even if I am not into rock music.

After Suzette's call, my interest was piqued since one of the contenders happens to be a Filipino.

Mig Ayesa was born in Manila and comes from the distinguished Legarda clan. He grew up in Australia and was in the Australian production of "Buddy," a musical about **Ritchie Valens.** Ayesa then moved to London and was part of "We Will Rock You," a musical that used Queen's music. He got a nod from Queen guitarist **Brian May,** whom he has composed and

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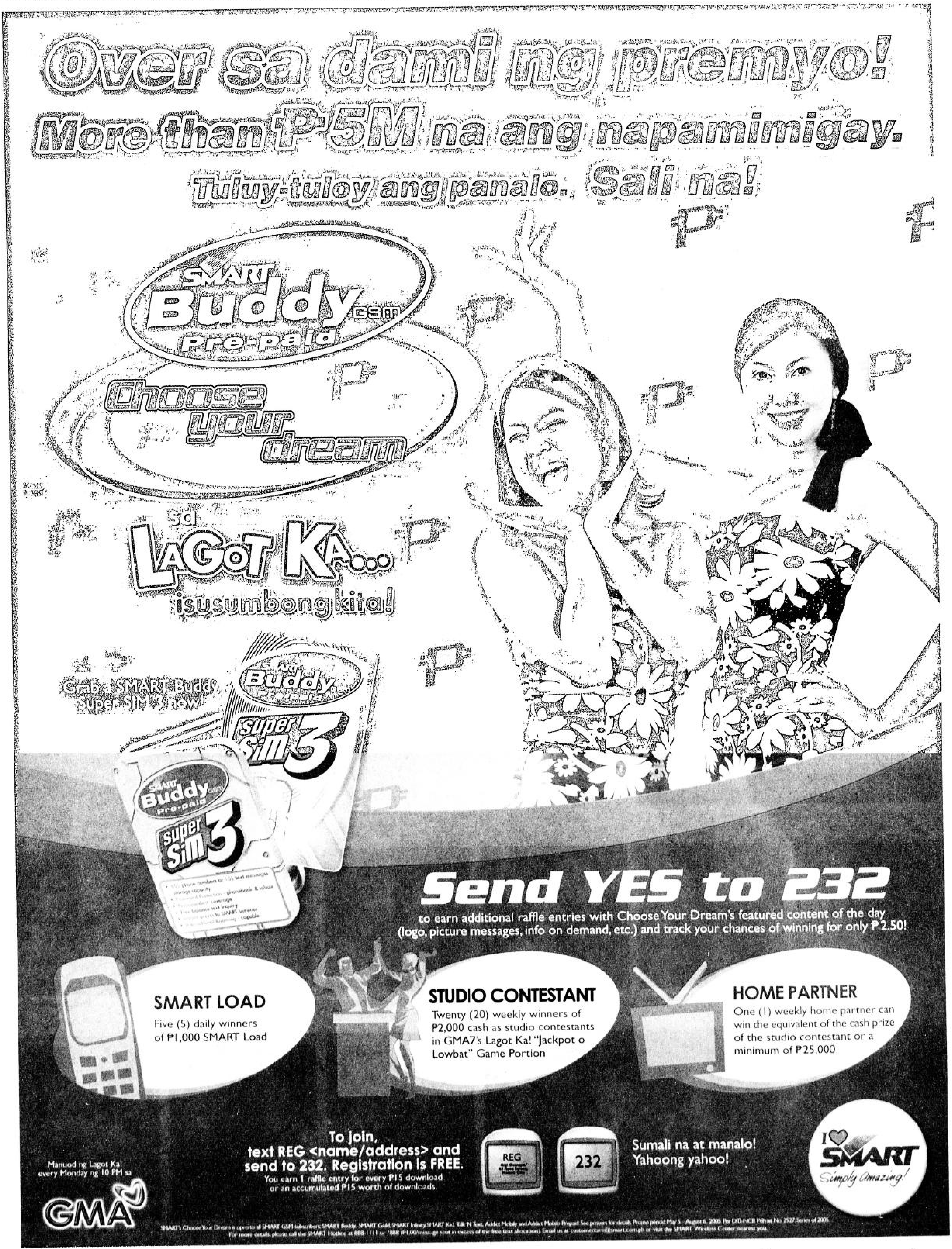
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Motherhood and that all-natural glow

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

I BRIEFLY sneaked away from my nursing duties last week and, with my niece **Alexi Prieto**, eagerly headed to the Lancôme counter at Rustan's. There we met former model and beauty queen **Abby Arenas**, who indulged us with a free makeover.

Abby's expertise is airbrushing makeup done in my "second home," Emphasis Salon. In addition, Abby is now with Lancôme, which has engaged her to promote its new line of fresher shades of makeup by giving makeovers and application tips.

While going through my skin diagnostic chart—magnifying my "fine" lines in the process—and examining Lancôme's extensive skincare product range, I noticed a motherly looking lady waiting by the counter. As I was in one of my usual far-out costumes, she recognized me and told me she was an avid reader of this column.

The lady was with her daughter, who was having one of her first makeup sessions. I politely asked how old she was, as I was wondering how she could already have such a pretty and fair-skinned teenage daughter. The lady said she was 41 years old when she had her.

> These days I feel a lot of inner beauty just by caring for my new baby

Flash-forward! I was looking into my future with my baby **Athena** 17 years from now! Would I also wait patiently over the counter while my ear-, navel- and mouth-pierced Athena got herself all dolled up for whatever rad, raunch or rave party would be hip in 2022? I am sure I am heading for many more generation gap glitches over the years, as I become my mother and she becomes me.

Of course, life will be so technologically advanced by then. I would probably look not a day older than 30, thanks to some laser, chemical or surgical treatment. With that sudden realization, I quickly purchased the whole line of anti-wrinkle creme and eye treatments from the Lancôme lady, no doubt causing a tiny blip in the brand's sales chart for that day.

INQUIRER Super!'s Tim Yap

Amusing show

To make Abby's efforts worthwhile, I took my dolled-up face to watch "Beauty and the Beast" that evening. Our group was there primarily to catch lovable **Teenee Chan** play in the ensemble. Though she said her part was just a dot on stage, we all cheered her on as she came out as a villager and, later, as a wine glass. The B&B costumes were colorful and possible inspirations for future outfits. The highly amusing Disney production, directed by affable **Bobby Garcia**, will have its finale today at the Meralco Theater.

It actually got me excited about the September opening of Hong Kong Disneyland. I just wonder if its Disney Princesses would be all sloe-eyed, since I've heard there's been a mini diaspora of Pinoys headed for Lantau Island in Hong Kong lately.

Many years back, en route to visit my cardiologist brother **Andrew** in Michigan, we spent a few days in Japan and stayed at the Park Hyatt Tokyo, the same hotel the movie "Lost In Translation" was filmed. One attraction we went to was Tokyo Disneyland, which is the first Asian Disneyland. Though every sign was in Japanese, the main Disney characters on parade were all Caucasian. Every Fairy Princess seemed to look like the exact duplicate of her Western versions. Funny how one's face could be molded to look like a generic Snow White.

Beauty and strength

At the Mega Magazine launch of its 10 Most Beautiful Women, none of the chosen ladies had anything generic about them. Their beauty and inner strength seem to set them apart from all the common, long-haired shampoo commercial models. In their short write-ups, most of the women pointed to their mother as the moving force in their lives.

To celebrate these 10 exceptional women, a photo exhibit and a chic cocktail party were held at the plush lobby of Greenbelt 3. New Mega editor **Carla Sibal**, a stunner herself, shared how these fabulous women all lead different lives, yet exude mesmerizing beauty and glow with peace, strength and sincerity from within.

The roving exhibit is now at the Podium Mall and will be on final viewing at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall until the end of the month.

Now that Carla is editor of Mega, maybe I can buy my way into that Top 10 List for next year. After all, beauty may be in the eye of the beholder, but Carla holds the power over that list! Actually, these days I feel a lot of inner beauty just by caring for my new baby, so I am happy to make my own list.

Hot mobile

List or no list, I simply must shed the remaining 10 pounds of concentrated and unwanted fat lingering from my pregnancy. To push myself to get back to my pre-Athena size, I have decided to buy myself the hottest new Nokia 8800 as an incentive. This magnificent mobile with fantastic features was recently unveiled at the NBC Tent, the interior of which was transformed into a spectacle of black and silver illuminated by electrifying light works.

A two-tiered gallery served as a view deck to a fashion show of Asian-futuristic designs by **Ignatius Loyola** under **Ariel Lozada**'s direction. Sultry singer **Anna Fegi** provided entertainment, while champagne and wine flowed continuously.

The invitation to this elite event was by far the most interesting and useful. A sleek flip-top book light accompanied the elegant black invite. With that as the teaser, Manila's happening crowd made sure to be there.

INQUIRER Super!'s **Tim Yap** was just one of the lucky winners that night, bringing home a new Nokia 8800. Maybe it's time I collect from *ninong* Tim Athena's early Christmas gift.

NOKIA corporate communications manager Luanne Erni, Rita Dy, Jeannie Goulbourn, Bob Zozobrado and Frances Lim

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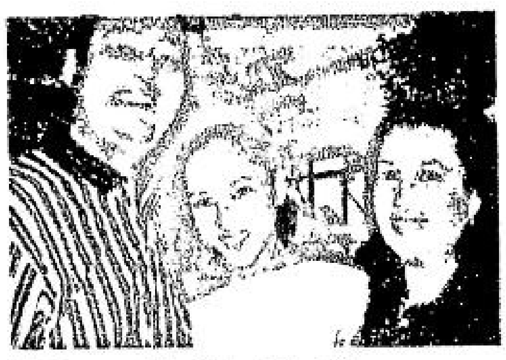
"BEAUTY & The Beast" lead actor Jett Pangan with me and Teenee Chan

MEGA'S Carla Sibal, Lorraine Belmonte, Helena Belmonte and Jo Anne Bitagcol

CELINE Lopez, Lancôme's Sobee Duenas and Zerl Chan

HAPPY fans of Teenee Chan greet her backstage.

LANCÔME makeup expert **Abby Arenas** with me and **Alexi Prieto**


BIG-hearted EJ, Gel and Tess Litton

Concert for a cause

When the Big C strikes a close friend or relative, you can't help but feel hopeless and sympathetic. Positive thinking and creating avenues for feel-good projects can ease in conquering this disease.

EJ Litton has been winning his battle slowly but surely. Now he does his share to help cancer-stricken children by holding a concert titled "Greater Love" at the Rockwell Tent in the Power Plant Mall. Tomorrow's star-studded event will start at 8 p.m. and will feature artists like Side A, Freestyle, **Paolo Santos**, Nina, **Nyoy Volante** and so many more. Tickets are available at the gate, so please support the concert and make a child smile.

The way to fight darkness is not to curse it but to turn on a light. My yoga teacher, **Bela Lipat**, tells us to send light and love from our heart *chakras*, like the sun shining equally on everyone, right or wrong. Our yoga class always ends with a chant: May all beings in the world be happy, peaceful and without suffering. Let us shine with happiness and peace!

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Pinoy 'Rockstar,' rainbow parties . . .

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recorded music with.

MIG Ayesa

Ayesa had second thoughts about leaving a great career in the West End, but his dream of becoming a rock star made him vie for the INXS gig, and now he's in "Rockstar." For him to win, people must vote via text messages either with Globe or Smart four hours after the live telecast. They can vote more than once.

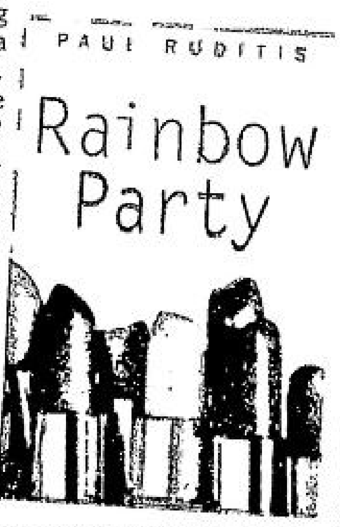
This is the first reality show that's truly international. "Rockstar: INXS" is on every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m. (via satellite) on Star World.

Mig Ayesa, do us proud!

Must-have accessory—oversized sunglasses. If you want to look like a celebrity, then here's your chance. Channeling **Jackie O** is the biggest trend among the young and the style-savvy, who are donning oversized sunglasses reminiscent of the former first lady.

Mary Kate and **Ashley Olsen** wear their vintage oversized shades with their Balenciaga bags. Of course, huge sunglasses have long been a favorite of the fashion set, but this season more and more designers are producing them, from Prada to Bottega Veneta.

What's with the staying power? The shades lend the wearers an aura of mystique and sexiness, as exemplified then by a young **Brigitte Bardot** in St. Tropez, and now by **Lindsay Lohan**. Here's a tip: Wear them with an oversized bag in tow.



CONTROVERSIAL book on teenagers—"Rainbow Party"

New book

Do you know what your children are doing? There's a new book out in the US that's causing much controversy and stress among parents. "Rainbow Party" delves into events attended by teenagers that go beyond drinking, driving and even drugs. Rainbow parties are actually oral sex parties, so named because girls wear different shades of lipstick and boys in turn have to try and get as many colors on their private parts as possible.

The book follows the lives of a group of teenagers (ages 14 and up), and chronicles a rainbow party where 39 teenagers are invited. It's a disturbing look at the lives of today's teens and explores the reality of generational differences. Remember when having long hair or getting caught smoking a cigarette was already an issue? Today, teens are confronted with so many issues ranging from sexually transmitted diseases to severe peer pressure and suicide.

Although it may be happening for now only in the US, parents can't just shrug this off. Just think how trends like this can be so easily emulated by impressionable youth.

Hot TV

Calling ETC, ABC 5 and Studio 23. While I was in the US, there were four shows that got me glued to the TV screen. "Kept" has supermodel **Jerry Hall** (a.k.a. ex Mrs. **Mick Jagger**) choosing one man to be her boy-toy. "Hit me Baby One More Time" resurrects the careers of '80s stellar names or one-hit wonders (**Milli Vanilli** need not apply) like **Irene Cara**, **Thelma Houston**, PM Dawn, A Flock of Seagulls and **Vanilla Ice** (who won in his round) with a singing showdown.

"Strip Search" is about 15 ordinary men who leave their 9-5 jobs to compete and be part of a male strip revue (think Chippendales), while "Dancing with the Stars" is a ballroom dancing contest that pairs up celebrities with professional dancers, to be judged by a panel of experts. Participating celebrities include supermodel and Rod Stewart ex **Rachel Hunter**, **Joey McIntyre** of New Kids on the Block and boxing legend **Evander Holyfield** (don't laugh, he can dance!).

From these new programs, I thought the latter was the best one and had the broadest appeal. It has dazzling costumes, a live band, high drama and a dreaded elimination process. Now that "Desperate Housewives," "American Idol" and "Lost" are in hiatus, we urge local TV stations to get these winners into our airwaves.

While in LA, I also caught the last day of the musical, "Imelda," which had an all-Filipino cast. Interestingly enough, I had lunch with **Mrs. Marcos** before I left and told her I would be watching the show. In true Imeldific fashion, she said, "That woman is not me, she's only 5'2!"

For comments please e-mail antonsd@philtatler.com.

WANT to look like a celebrity? Wear oversized glasses.

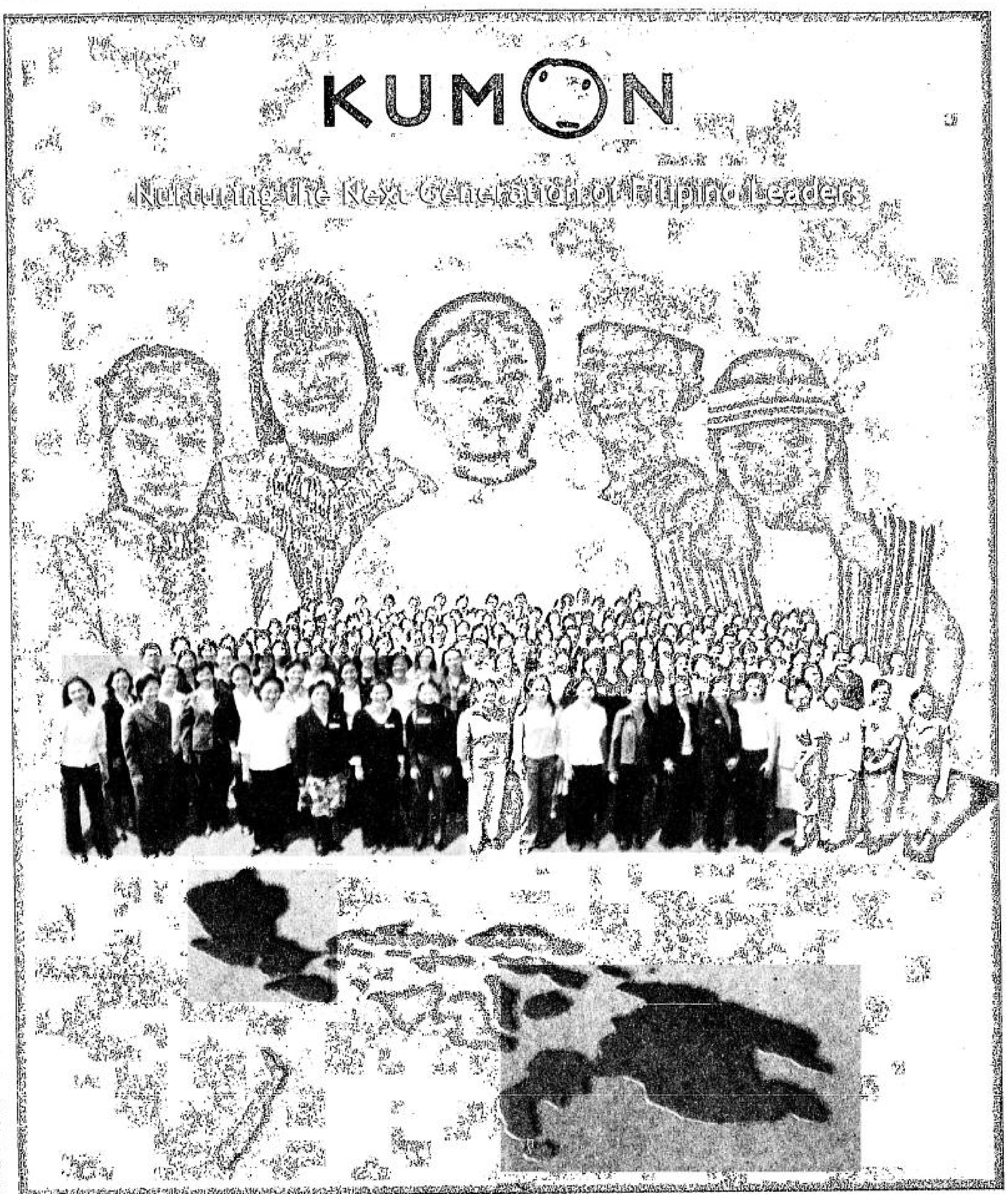
Children's club goes zoo-hopping

JOLLIBEE recently treated its Kids Club members to the JKC "Summer Sama Na," a series of whole-day events with Jungle Caravan as theme. This year's affair was inspired by the hit animation "Madagascar."

JKC's "Summer Sama Na" is about creating joyful and surprise-filled activities for young tykes to make their summer vacation exceptionally memorable.

Jollibee Kids Club members of all ages from both Luzon and Mindanao visited the Philippine Eagle Center in Davao, Playzone area in Market! Market! and Manila Zoo. The JKC members were also treated to performances by a ventriloquist, storyteller and magicians and mimes. Puppet and animal shows were also held to show kids how important it is to take care of our home planet.

"It has long been our goal to provide kids with fun yet informative activities that help widen their perspectives and instill values in their young minds. And we believe that among the many things they need to learn is the importance of caring for our environment," Jollibee marketing manager Lee Esguerra said.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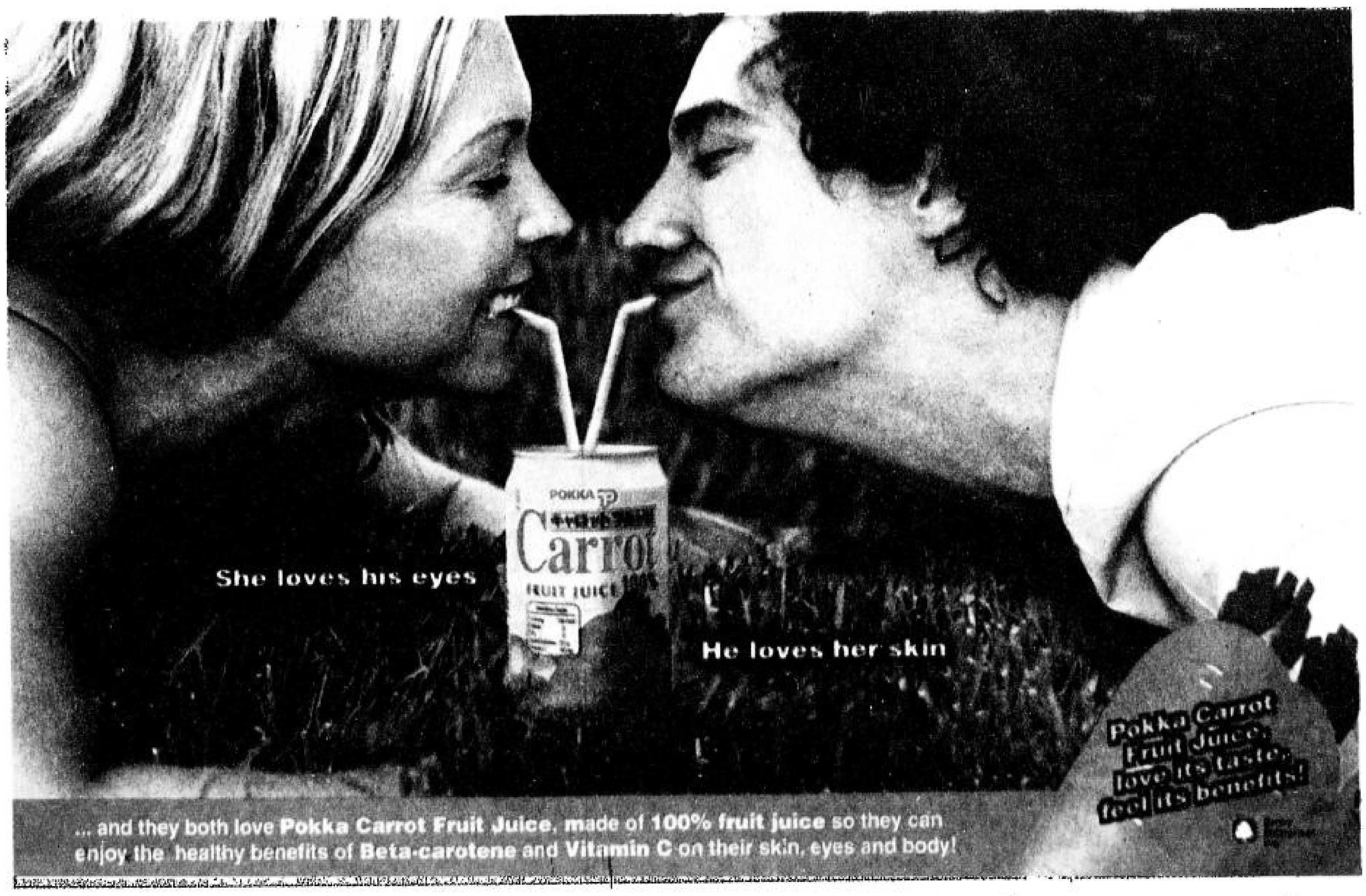
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Jade exits the boardroom and picks up her phone
to answer a text message. "Mom, can you come home for lunch?
School ended early, so yaya helped me cook
your favorite pasta, just for you. Please..."
Without hesitation, she heads for the elevator, managing to call
her secretary to tell her that she would be out for lunch.

Home is right in the middle of Greenbelt, an easy and pleasant
walkway-covered, 5 minute stroll from the office.
The traffic below reminds her that their decision
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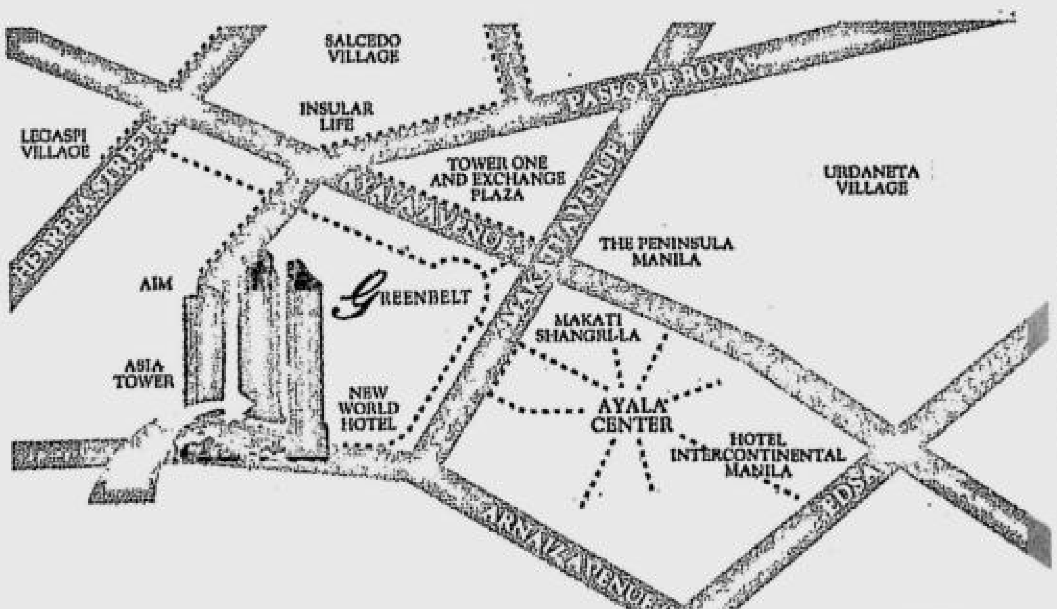
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A taste of the Philippines in Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia's Legend Hotel trains the spotlight on delicious Pinoy staples

THE LEGEND Cultural Ensemble of Legenda Hotel Subic

By Constantino C. Tejero

IT USED to be that a hotel was simply a place to showcase a lifestyle. Now, in these complex times, it has become an unlikely showroom for culture as well.

Just look at the numerous hotels regularly showcasing regional arts and crafts, food festivals and theatrical performances. Some hotels even hold regular art exhibits.

And it's not only local. In May, Legenda Hotel in the Subic Bay Freeport Zone held a Malaysian food festival. In response, a Filipiniana Fest was held May 24-June 3 in the Di-Atas Brasserie of The Legend Hotel at Putra Place in Kuala Lumpur.

It was meant to be a prelude to the commemoration of Philippine Independence Day. Consul Angelo Amonoy of the Philippine embassy in KL turned up as guest of honor at the festival launch hosted by hotel general manager Ho Hoy Sum.

At the atrium, by the entrance to the brasserie, were stalls selling Philippine handicrafts and souvenirs. The fiesta atmosphere was enhanced by colorful buntings and other Philippine motifs.

During the luncheon, girls garbed in papaya-colored dresses wended their way among the guests while serving glasses of chilled papaya juice.

For entertainment, a repertoire of Philippine native songs and dances was rendered by the Legend Cultural Ensemble. (Some 20 members of the ensemble were flown in from the Philippines for the festival. Performing in social and corporate functions, the group had been trained by the Bayanihan Dance Company.)

Philippine flavors

Spread in five food stations were pots and platters of *morcon, asadong manok, bistek Tagalog, lumpia frito, kalderetang kambing* (billed as "lamb stew"), *tangigue kinilaw,* assorted *kakanin* and various side dishes. The mangoes were from Zambales flown in two days earlier.

Some of the dishes were unrecognizable for being overdressed in the presentation. It wasn't exactly fiesta food, but fairly representative of Philippine cuisine.

The buffet dinner was RM55. At P14 to a ringgit, that's only P770 for a full-flavored taste of the Philippines.

In some cases, though, the flavor was not as authentic as one would wish. The gourmet would be mildly shocked to find the *halo-halo* tasting of rosewater.

The two alternating chefs had to import some of the ingredients from Manila, but most of the time they had to contend with what were available in the local markets. So the *sinigang na maya-maya* was not as sour, and it had potato cubes instead of *gabi*. The *lumpia shanghai* had minced tofu.

The most authentic-tasting was the *biko*, but then the sugar-browned glutinous rice was topped with—horrors!—slivers of fresh strawberry.

The Malaysians, though, admired the sweetness of Philippine mango. One Malaysian media representative seated opposite us simply adored the *halayang ube* tasting of burned caramel.

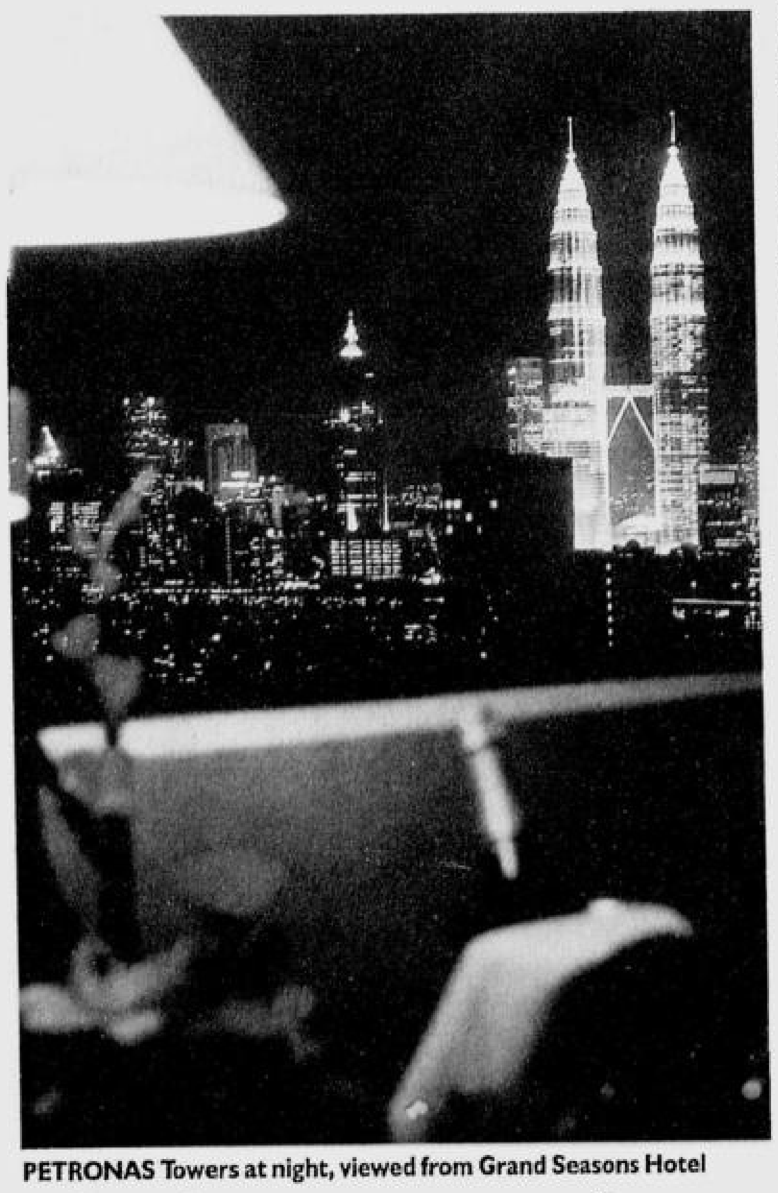
The simple yet hearty Philippine cuisine found an ideal setting in the brasserie. The fare's essentially rustic appeal was enhanced by the classiness of the place.

Hotels and resorts

The Legend is a five-star hotel with 414 guest rooms and 206 apartments. Of these, 44 are executive rooms, 30 suites, and two penthouses.

Just a 45-minute drive from Kuala Lumpur International Airport, it is close to the city's main commercial district and a spitting distance from three train stations. In fact, the hotel itself is situated above The Mall shopping complex and opposite the Putra World

A TASTE/ C2



PETRONAS Towers at night, viewed from Grand Seasons Hotel

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A taste of the Philippines in KL

From page D1

Trade Center.

A sister hotel is the 800-room business-class Grand Seasons Hotel at Jalan Pahang in KL, Malaysia's tallest hotel. A mere 15-minute drive away are the Petronas Twin Towers, the world's tallest freestanding towers.

MUSEUM Chinese Restaurant

And there's Legend Resort in Cherating on Malaysia's East Coast, a 248-room resort on 6.5 hectares, five hours drive from KL.

The Legenda Hotel, Grand Seasons Hotel and Legenda Suites in Subic belong to the Legend International Resorts Ltd. owned by Metroplex Berhad of Malaysia.

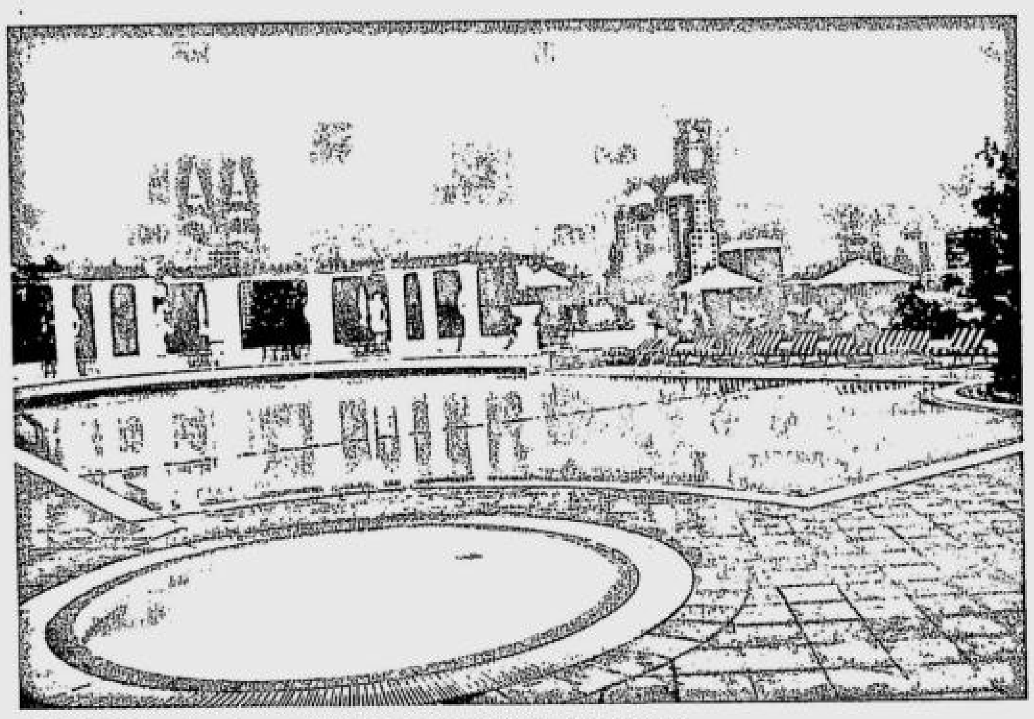
The luncheon was ending and still the Legend Cultural Ensemble was singing and dancing.

In a foreign land, what used to be routine can become meaningful and emotion-laden. Watching the "Tinikling" in this setting, as one associated each dangerous step with a people's grace under pressure, one now felt a clutch at the throat.

When you're abroad and you hear a song from your native land, you can't help but feel patriotic. Even so simple a melody and lyrics as the Tagalog love song "Sampaguita" now tugged at the heart.

And when the singer came to the line *"Ang irog kong hindi tapat sa pangako..."*—we half-choked on our *suman biko*.

This hotel may be a home away from home, but we couldn't hide the fact that, in just a few days of staying in a foreign clime, we missed the Philippines already.


OUTDOOR swimming pool with panoramic view of KL skyline

THE LEGEND Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Popular UN rep says goodbye

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

UNITED Nations Philippines System resident coordinator **Deborah Landey** was the honoree at a *despedida* hosted by **Narda Camacho**, president of the Metro Manila Council of Women Balikatan Movement, at her residence. Our loss is Switzerland's gain when the popular Deborah assumes her new post.

Dinner was prepared by the hostess' children, **Teodoro, Jose, Marissa** and **Chacha**.

JULIE Manning, HSBC president Warner Manning and Anton Huang

BIENVENIDO Tantoco Jr. and Essenses girl Victoria Toda

Among the guests were Indian Ambassador **Nevrekha Sharma**, Thai Ambassador **Asha Dvitiyananda**, Mexican Ambassador **Erendira Campos**, Sra. **Aurora Sagaz**, wife of Spanish Ambassador **Ignacio Sagaz**, and consuls **Evie Costa, Fortune Ledesma Mellie Ablaza** and others who joined hands in singing "Auld Lang Syne" for Deborah.

Merienda fashion show

Friends for Cultural Concerns of the Philippines (FCCP) has discovered a sure-fire fund raiser: organizing a *merienda* fashion show featuring their members, their children and grandchildren.

This year the group raised half a million. The check was handed over to National Museum director **Cora Alvina**. The money will pay for the room FCCP is donating to that grand institution that needs all the help it can get.

The SRO *merienda* affair at the Manila Polo Club was led by dynamic Guatemalan consul Mellie Ablaza, president of FCCP; **Myrna Borromeo**, chair of Fashion for Fun; and directors **Boysie Villavicencio** (who designed some gorgeous gowns for the show) and **Karen Macasaet**. A big round applause for the group, please!

Photo exhibit

Kudos to Fr. **Pedro Gallende**, OSA, for his unflagging devotion to the church of San Agustin! To mark the 400th anniversary of the construction of the only structure in Intramuros to survive the Liberation and to pay tribute to all Augustinian priests who devoted their lives to the propagation of the faith in this country, Father Gallende held a rare photo exhibit. Guest of honor was Archbishop **Gaudencio Rosales.**

Photographs were culled from the archives of the order and other pictures seldom seen. They showed different Augustinian churches, among others. It was a rare treat indeed to see not only the photographs but the fantastic paintings on the second floor of the monastery.

THE HOST and the honoree with guests: (seated) Deborah Landey, consul Fortune Ledesma and Mexican Ambassador Erendira Araceli Paz Campos; Narda Camacho, Finnish Ambassador Riitta Resch, Babbit Goudsmit and Thai Ambassador Asha Dvitiyananda

CES Manalo, Fortune Ledesma, Boysie Villavicencio, Myrna Borromeo, Carrie Bautista, Cora Alvina, FCCP president Mellie Ablaza

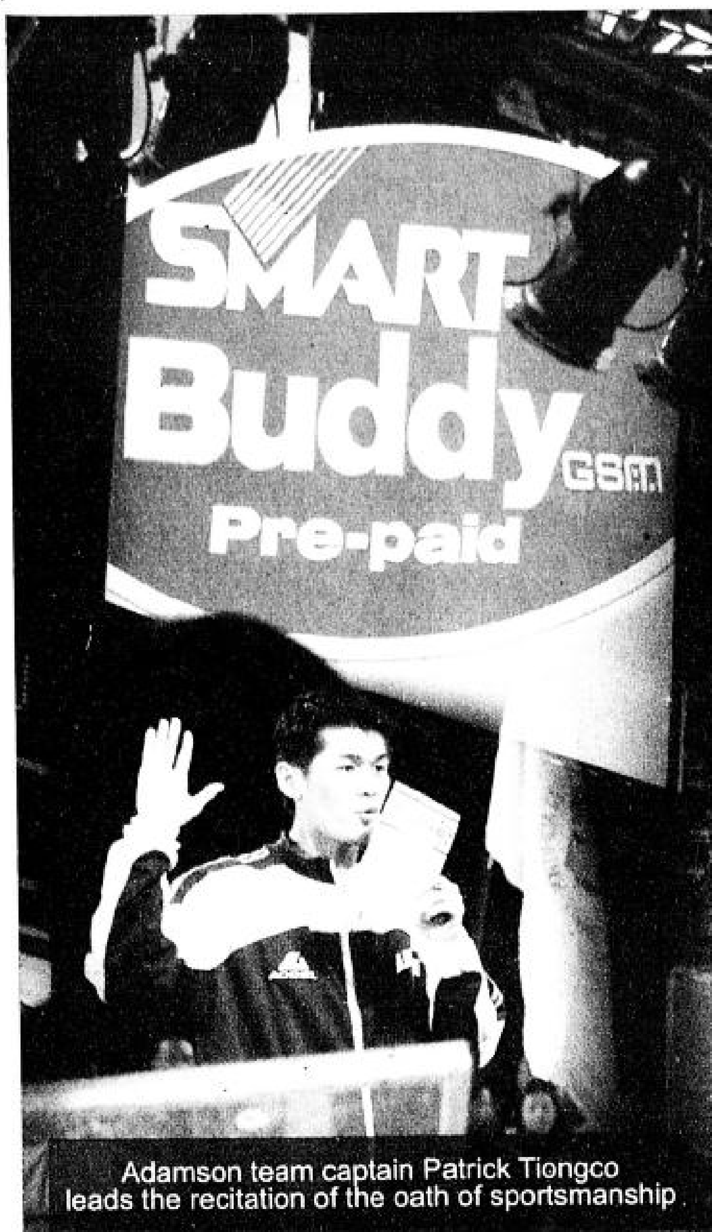
PHOTOS: BETOY JOHNSON

THE FINAL number, "Auld Lang Syne," with Ophie Bakker, Deborah Landey, Gigi Davide, Chacha Camacho, Thai Ambassador Asha Dvitiyananda, Narda Camacho, Mexican Ambassador Erendira Araceli Paz Campos and Fortune Ledesma

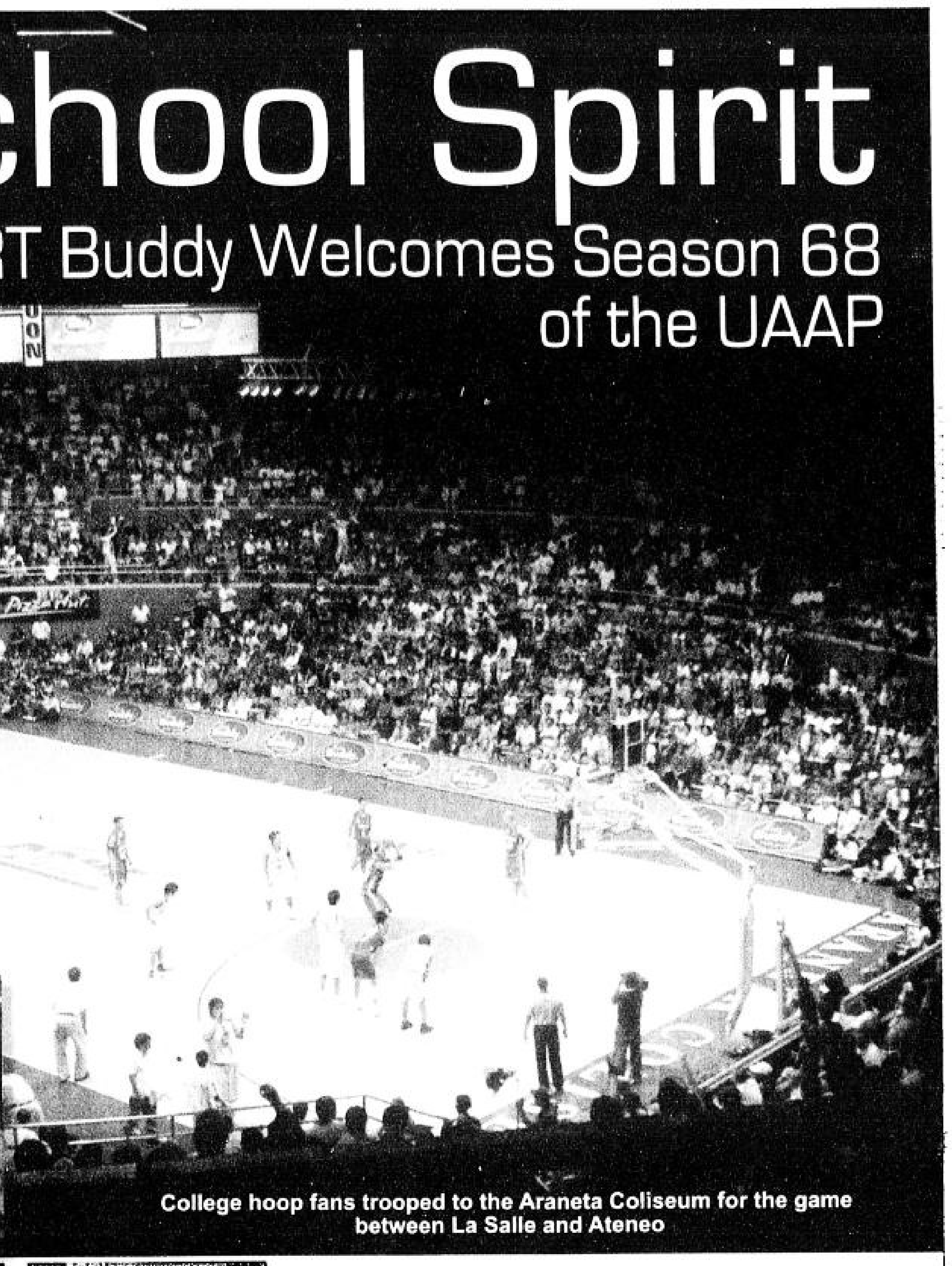
ARCHBISHOP Gaudencio Rosales, Fr. Pedro Gallende and Spanish Ambassador Ignacio Sagaz

School Spirit

SMART Buddy Welcomes Season 68 of the UAAP



Adamson team captain Patrick Tiongco leads the recitation of the oath of sportsmanship



College hoop fans trooped to the Araneta Coliseum for the game between La Salle and Ateneo

FEU Tamaraws

Adamson Falcons

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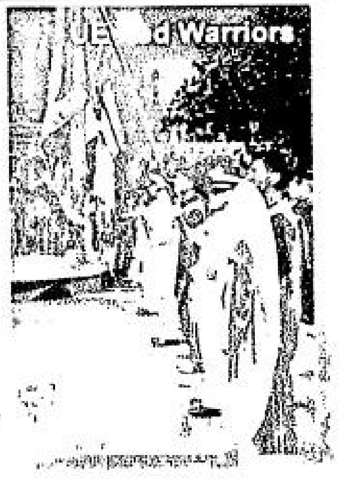
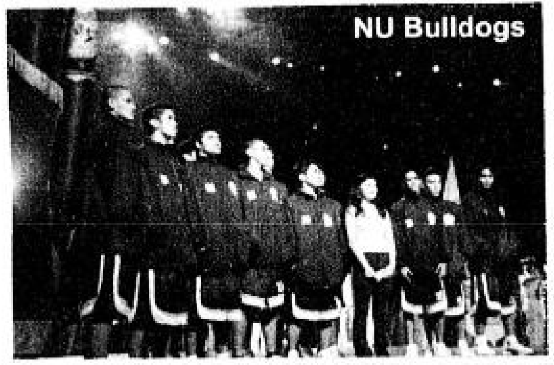
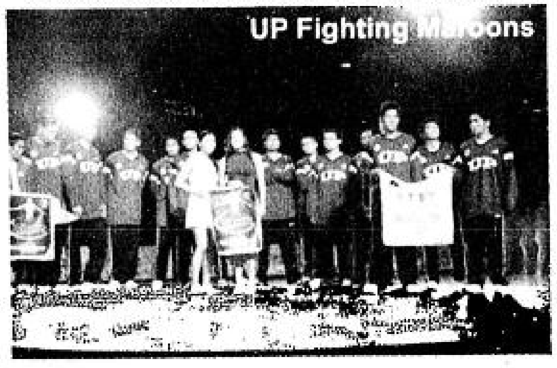
Ateneo Blue Eagles



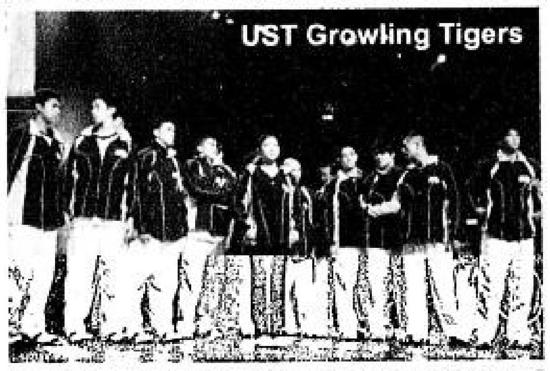
UE Red Warriors



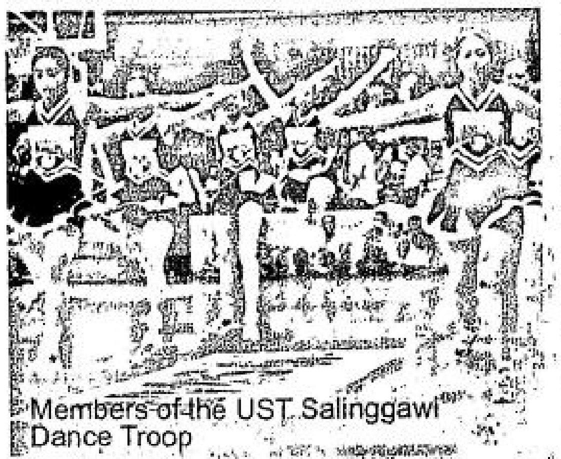
NU Bulldogs



UP Fighting Maroons



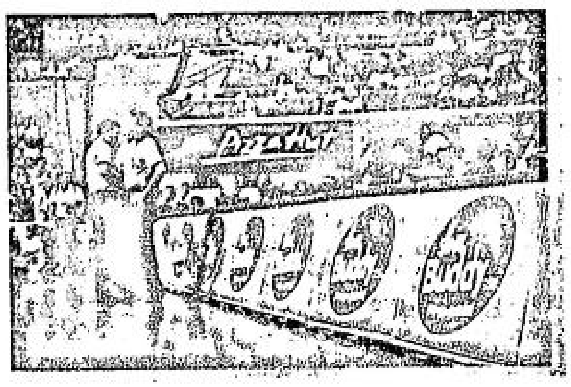
UST Growling Tigers



Members of the UST Salinggawi Dance Troop

FEU fans cheer their Tamaraws to victory

SMART Buddy offered Ateneo and La Salle jerseys during the big game on Sunday



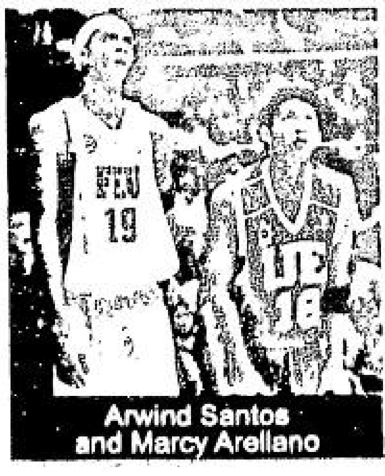
Once more the drums were beating. Once more the colors were flying. Once more, the fans were trooping to the Araneta Coliseum to cheer. The 68th season of the University Athletics Association of the Philippines opened its basketball tournament this past weekend with the prerequisite pomp and majesty that we've come to expect from the most prestigious collegiate basketball competition in the nation. SMART Buddy was right in the heart of "The Big Dome", welcoming thousands of basketball aficionados in opening a brand new UAAP season!

On opening day last Saturday, purchasing a SMART Buddy Super SIM 3 and downloading ₱30 worth of electronic load enabled fans to get an exclusive premium item or a free henna tattoo or glitter tattoo at the UAAP games. For Sunday's clash between archrivals Ateneo and La Salle, those who bought a SMART Buddy Super SIM 3 and downloaded ₱30 worth of load had their choice of an Ateneo or De La Salle jersey or a free henna tattoo or glitter tattoo. SMART also gave away hats and other merchandise for UAAP fans to show off their allegiances with pride.

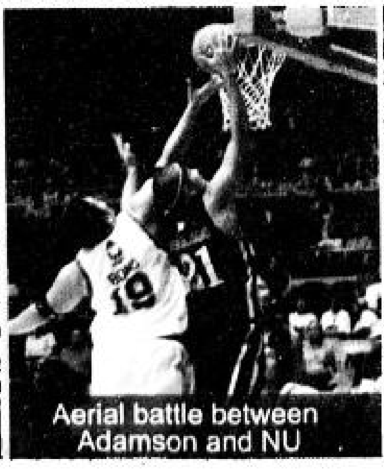
Hosts Adamson University rolled out the red carpet last Saturday as basketball fans of all shapes and sizes were curious as to how this year's UAAP season could compare with 2004's. Last year, a Mac-mac Cardona-powered De La Salle Green Archers stormed off with the championship after upsetting defending champions Far Eastern University (FEU) in the Finals. Now, with Cardona heading for the pros, the field seems wide open with no clear favorite among the eight competing schools.

Last year's Final Four consisted of La Salle, FEU, Ateneo de Manila, and University of the East (UE). University of the Philippines (UP), Adamson, University of Santo Tomas (UST), and National University (NU) have all been chomping at the bit, dying to gain some lost glory for their respective institutions.

Opening day saw UP come from behind to beat UST 69-66 while FEU pounded UE into submission 81-66. The next day, Adamson outran NU in a surprisingly high-scoring affair 116-103. For the main game, archrivals La Salle and Ateneo wrote a new chapter in their rivalry. La Salle emerged victorious via a convincing 78-60 win. The stage is set. The players are primed and ready. As Season 68 of the UAAP brings basketball lovers of all ages together in the spirit of sport once more, SMART Buddy is dedicated to making your UAAP experience a truly unforgettable one!

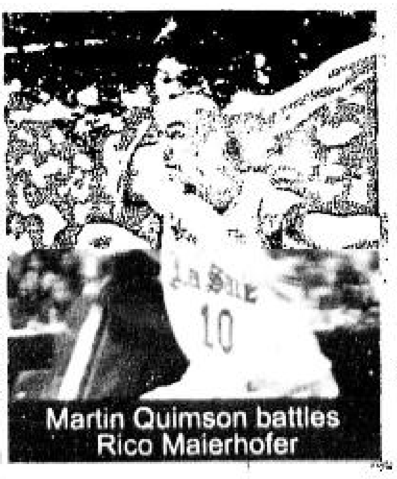


Arwind Santos and Marcy Arellano



Aerial battle between Adamson and NU

The Blue Eagles discuss strategy in the huddle



Martin Quimson battles Rico Maierhofer

Coach Franz Pumaren(L) led La Salle to a 78-60 win over archrivals Ateneo

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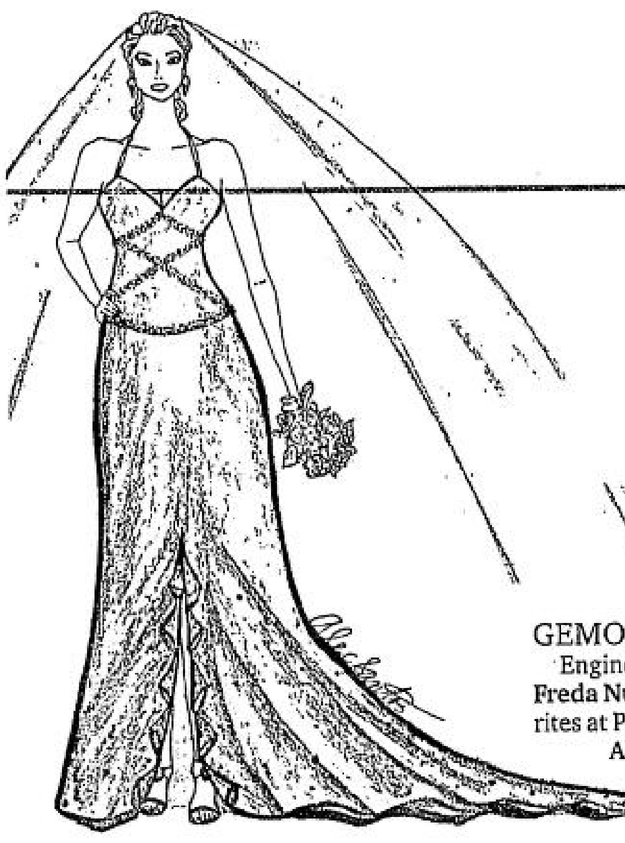


Milestones

We're accepting announcements of weddings and engagements. Please send the following typewritten information: names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, gown designer and other related information. Readers can send sketches of gowns and pictures of the couple to the Inquirer *office, or P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City, or e-mail lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. This will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the sender.*

GEMORA-NULUD

Engineer **Albert Gemora**, son of **Rodolfo Sr.** (deceased) and **Demetria Gemora**, will marry **Freda Nulud**, daughter of **Santiago Sr.** (deceased) and **Jacinta Nulud**, on Aug. 28 in Christian rites at Plaza Ibarra, Timog Avenue, Quezon City.

Alec Santos designed and executed an hourglass-shaped gown. The bodice is embellished with cut glass, bugle and crystal beads.

Santos' Events Plus will coordinate the event.

ROZEMA-DARAWAY

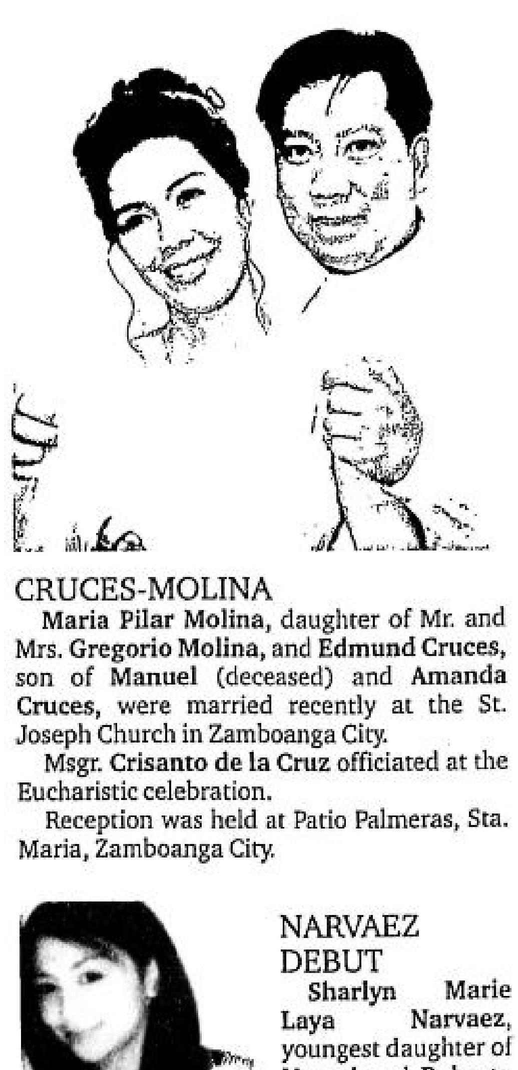
Hans Rozema, only son of **Simon** and **Grietje Rozema** of Apeldoorn, The Netherlands, will wed **Mayla Daraway**, daughter of **Timoteo** and **Delia Daraway** of Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, at 4 p.m., tomorrow, in a Christian ceremony at the Legend Hotel, Puerto Princesa City. Reception will follow in the same venue.

CALEJA-DE VILLA

Sherwin D. Caleja, son of engineer **Justo "Tito"** and **Erlinda Caleja**, and **Ellen T. de Villa**, daughter of **Victorino Sr.** (deceased) and **Melicia de Villa**, will exchange marital vows on July 30 at St. Ferdinand Cathedral, Lucena City.

AMINTAO-MACABAGO

Pearl Macabago, daughter of Mayor **Sabdullah M. Macabago** and Bae Rasmia Noni **B. Macabago**, married recently **Basher Amintao**, son of former mayor **Abdul Basher P. Amintao**. The ceremony and reception were held at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel. **Peter Lim** did the modern Muslim-inspired clothes in mandarin orange and gold, the color motif, of members of the wedding party.

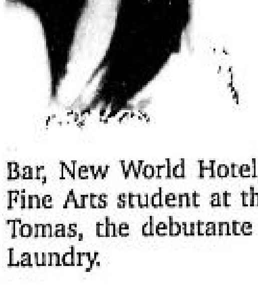


CRUCES-MOLINA

Maria Pilar Molina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Gregorio Molina**, and **Edmund Cruces**, son of **Manuel** (deceased) and **Amanda Cruces**, were married recently at the St. Joseph Church in Zamboanga City.

Msgr. **Crisanto de la Cruz** officiated at the Eucharistic celebration.

Reception was held at Patio Palmeras, Sta. Maria, Zamboanga City.



NARVAEZ DEBUT

Sharlyn Marie Laya Narvaez, youngest daughter of **Noemi** and **Roberto Narvaez**, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a dinner-dance party on July 23 at the Cat's Disco Bar, New World Hotel, Makati. A freshman Fine Arts student at the University of Santo Tomas, the debutante will wear a gown by Laundry.

Tears?

Tragedies, catastrophes, crime and injustice. As a journalist, Mike has been witness to more than his share of life's stirring moments, making tears and other emotions hard to come by and easy to hide. Mike's hardened heart and stoic mien failed him, however, when a much-needed quintuple heart bypass gave back the hope of a healthier and longer life for his father. Grateful tears flowed from this man's eyes.

Knowing the value of the gift of hope of a healthier life, Mike has joined the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign of the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines (EBFP), a non-profit humanitarian organization committed to alleviating corneal blindness in Filipinos, and Visine Refresh, a tears substitute. On its tenth year, EBFP keeps the hope of restored sight alive by making corneal transplant surgery accessible to all, and prevents more unnecessary blindness by educating the public on the importance of healthy eyes.

In line with this campaign, each purchase of Visine Refresh will mean a donation to the EBFP in support of its fight against corneal blindness.

You, too, can help the EBFP by donating cash, or signing on as a cornea or eye donor. Join Mike, Visine Refresh and the Eye Bank Foundation of the Philippines in the Tears of Hope, Tears of Health campaign, and ensure that our fellow Filipinos see a bright future ahead.

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Marikina's Lady of the Abandoned crowned Oct. 23

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

PREPARATIONS are underway for the canonical coronation of the miraculous image of Our Lady of the Abandoned on Oct. 23, coinciding with the 214th anniversary of the consecration of Marikina to Our Lady or the Nuestra Señora de los Desamparados.

The coronation was approved by Pope Benedict XVI two days after he was installed head of the Catholic church. Msgr. Arnel Lagarejos submitted the request in August 2004. The new Pope's approval was the first for a Marian image in the Philippines.

The silver altar where the Virgin will be enthroned was designed and executed by Tom Joven, assisted by Jerome de Jesus. Liturgical music is being prepared by Orven Cataniag.

Msgr. Lagarejos has asked the Papal Nuncio, Antonio Franco, to crown the Virgin.

Dino Carlo Santos, chair of the committee preparing for the event, sent me a story of miracles, particularly in World War II

Miracles

Of the many miracles attributed to the Lady of the Abandoned, many people remember one in particular—when she saved the town's parish church from destruction.

In World War II, the Japanese made Antipolo one of their camps. Then the Filipino-American troops returned in 1945, fierce battle broke out and areas around Antipolo, including the Church of Our Lady of the Abandoned, were bombed. The people of Marikina implored their patroness' help. A bomb destroyed the top of the bell tower and burned a big part of the church. But a second bomb that fell to the base of the tower and would have destroyed the church completely, miraculously did not explode.

Both the church and the town suffered only very minor damage. The people attributed the miracle to the intercession of Our Lady, who fulfilled her role as protector of the helpless. At the time, the image was buried by the *camarera* to protect it.

The present *camarera*, Irminia Diguangco de Guzman-Cruz, recounts the story of her mother, Dolores Diguangco de Guzman. According to her mother, the image, along with other church items in a storage room, was buried and covered with rice straw. The storage room was not spared from the bombing and everything went up in flames.

Surprisingly, the straws covering the image were spared. The image of Our Lady was not touched by the flames.

Those who want *estampitas* of Our Lady of the Abandoned can write me. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Safe

Olive Lopez, who traveled recently with friends from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to the Holy Land, said it was safe to go there. The holy places where Jesus was born, grew, preached, suffered and died remained peaceful.

Olive joined the group led by Fr. Lari Abaco at the last minute. She felt the trip was another sign from God that she would continue to recover from the brain cancer she had five years ago.

Olive said, "The pilgrim guide... (wanted) us to feel the meaning of what we read in the Bible... we experienced what every faithful follower of Jesus Christ wished for. We were able to have daily Masses on each holy ground where Jesus' presence was felt. We're like happy children as we picked up stones and got water from the Jordan River where Jesus asked John to baptize Him. There we had a renewal of our baptism... (as well as) a renewal of wedding vows... (three pairs) in Cana before Fr. Lari. We also sailed on the Sea of Galillee and recalled how Jesus walked on water.

The pilgrimage was arranged by Catholic Travel. Another trip is planned for September 14 with Fr. Teofilo Rustia as chaplain. Call Carmina at 5232523 or Elenita Grande at 6320223 or 0916-3452793.

Centennial

Alumni of the Bohol High School will gather at Plaza Rizal in Tagbilaran at 4 a.m., July 17, for a caravan to the Dr. Cecilio Putong High School (Bohol High School) where a thanksgiving Mass will be held at 7:30 a.m. marking the centennial of the school. Distinguished alumni include the late President Carlos P. Garcia, Gov. Lino Chato, Gov. Rolando Butalid, former Tagbilaran Mayor Joe Torralba, chair of the alumni association, and Ursula Alturas Yu (class '57), president of CWL in the Vicarate of San Fernando de Dilao in Manila.

The event is part of the Sandugo Festival July 17-23. *Balikbayans* are expected to arrive, including doctors and dentists who will hold a free medical mission on July 19.

Mission station

A parish church is being built in Aleosan, Cotabato, according to Fr. Marciano Andres, OMI, who is asking for help on behalf of Fr. Jerry Villas, OMI, priest in charge. The construction of the chapel is going on, but the priest is truly short of funds.

Construction is done through *dagyaw* or *bayanihan*. The community donated 100 logs and old GI sheets. Please help by donating through Fr. Andres' savings account No. 153-109662-4 at United Coconut Planters Bank, Commonwealth Ave. Branch, Quezon City. You may write him through Oblate Missionary Center, Mangga St., Mapayapa I, Capitol Site, Quezon City 1100 or call 9320201.

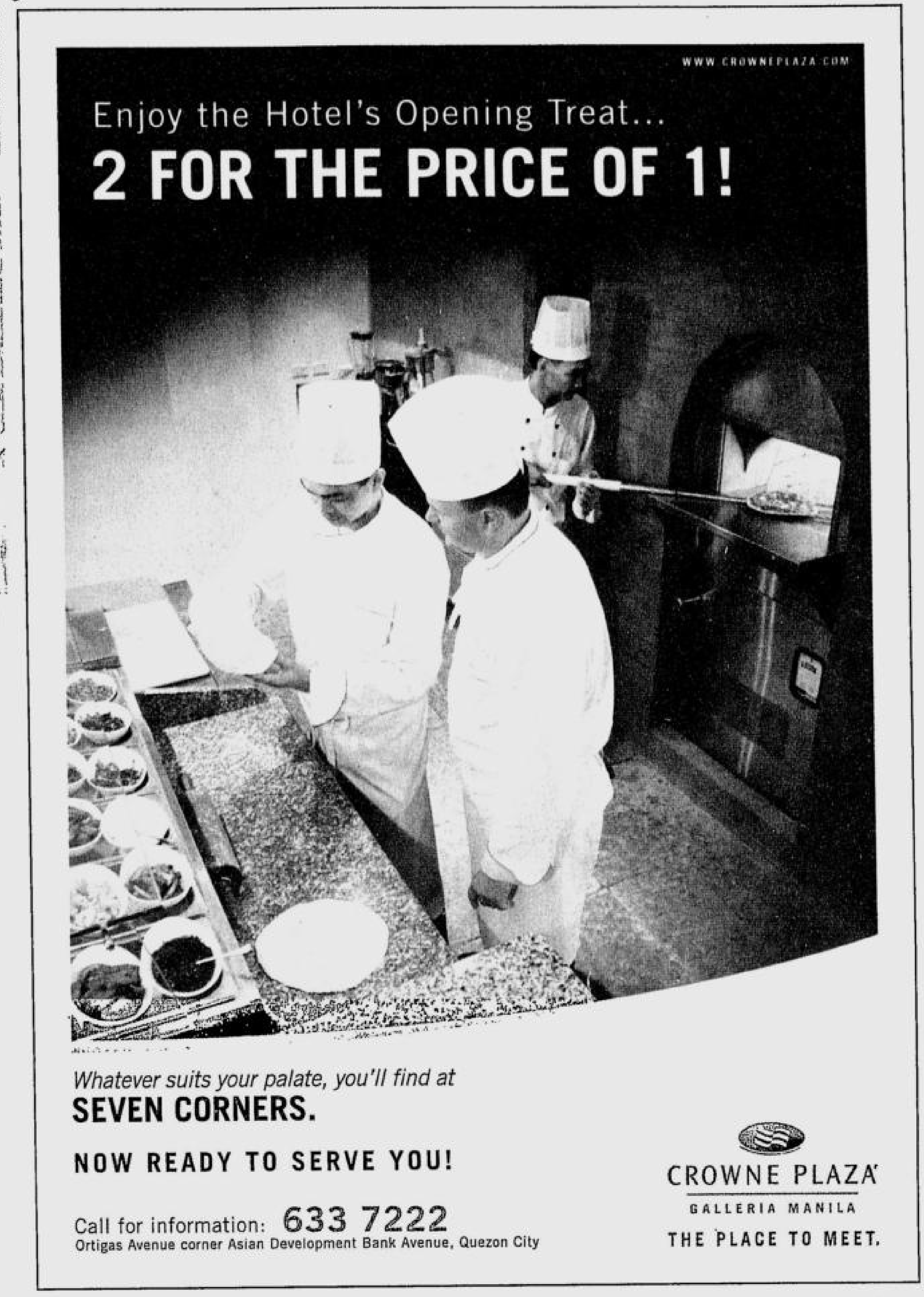
Sale

Boy Ponce wants to help in the renovation of the *convento* of the St. Anthony de Padua parish in Perez, Alabat Island, Quezon. He is selling his beautiful *carroza* and 2 ½ ft. *Sto Niño de Santisima Trinidad*. Please text 0919-3493485

Miracle

A couple in Quezon City would like to testify to the miraculous intercession of St. Philomena in the sale of their house and lot despite the economic crisis. They were able to pay their debts and buy a smaller house. Those who want prayers to St. Philomena can write to me. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

OLIVE Lopez (fifth from left, back row) with other pilgrims to the Holy Land and Fr. Lari Abaco (third row) during their cruise in the Sea of Galilee



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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

DOIN'?

ACROSS
1 Gathered leaves
6 "Relax, soldier!"
12 Biblical letter
19 "You can't win —!"
20 Level of rank
21 Hue close to garnet
22 Actor givin' a hug?
24 Absent with consent
25 Denver-Chicago dir.
26 Thurman of film
27 Actor causin' injury?
29 Singer sayin' goodbye?
35 Kin of equi-
36 Tow-offering gp.
37 Thought about deeply
40 — out at (attacked)
46 Not divided
50 "— is human ..."
51 Greet
52 Tinkered (with)
54 Essayist catchin' too many rays?
56 Skating surface
57 Trouble
59 Hoses down
60 Hair holder
61 Bridge expert usin' a spear?
67 Ladle
70 Ellington title transport
71 Reach
73 City SE of San Francisco
77 Rock that glitters inside
80 Boxer makin' a mold?
83 RMN was his veep
85 Western tribe
87 Shipping container
88 Pal, in Paris
89 Singer preparin' preserves?
94 Where Napoleon lost
98 "I Wanna Be Sedated" group, with "The"
99 Kett and James
101 Monroe of Hollywood
102 Musically keyless
103 French province, formerly
105 Caboodle's partner
106 K-O linkup
108 Actress showin' concern?
113 Novelist workin' as an usher?
120 Addams family cousin
121 Actress Lupino
122 Thingamajigs
123 Accused killer gettin' on a bus?
129 "Jumpin' Jack Flash" follower
130 — Aigner (designer shoe brand)
131 Tot's transport
132 Kind of fertilizer
133 Moves to a new cage
134 Foe

DOWN
1 Marry again
2 — acids
3 Superman's real name
4 Pipe bend
5 Nero's 551
6 "Third time's —"
7 Even if, for short
8 Sushi selection
9 City official: Abbr.
10 "... or — told"
11 Sicilian resort city
12 "Return of the Jedi" critters
13 Pricking punctures
14 On Sunset Blvd., e.g.
15 Clairvoyant
16 Ore car
17 — Strauss
18 Eve's first home
20 Jane Austen novel
23 Live-in maid
28 — Tin Tin
30 Nomad of Scandinavia
31 Eli's school
32 "Tsk tsk!"
33 "Time — the essence"
34 At no time, to poets
38 Enticed by
39 Author Sarah — Jewett
41 Country south of Yugo.
42 Computer peripheral
43 Improve artificially, with "up"
44 Give off
45 Jungle home
46 City near Rome, NY
47 "Gute —" (German farewell)
48 Makeup mishap
49 Earl Grey and pekoe
51 Will-o'-the-—
53 Groove on
55 Dollar divs.
58 With 68-Down, end an Internet session
62 Continued to surge furiously
63 Fib
64 Rocker Brian
65 Acting governors
66 Suffix with Israel
68 See 58-Down
69 Gold, to Goya
72 Eyeball
74 Pint-size
75 Spock portrayer
76 Pizza topping
78 ER figures
79 Greek letter
81 Pai — (Chinese gambling game)
82 Test
83 "Curses!"
84 Floor model
86 Scott Turow's first book
89 Monastery title
90 Genetic stuff
91 Reprimanded loudly
92 Lang. spoken in Rome
93 Cager Thurmond
95 Start liking
96 Speed skater Heiden
97 Poet Dove
100 Bro's sib
103 Aardvark's snack
104 UFO pilots
107 En — (as one)
109 "What'll —?"
110 Guitar fret, e.g.
111 Expression
112 Parent's helper
113 Server's edge, in tennis
114 "It wasn't me!"
115 Baseballer Eddie a.k.a. "The Walking Man"
116 Jewish month
117 Long tale
118 Robert of "The Sopranos"
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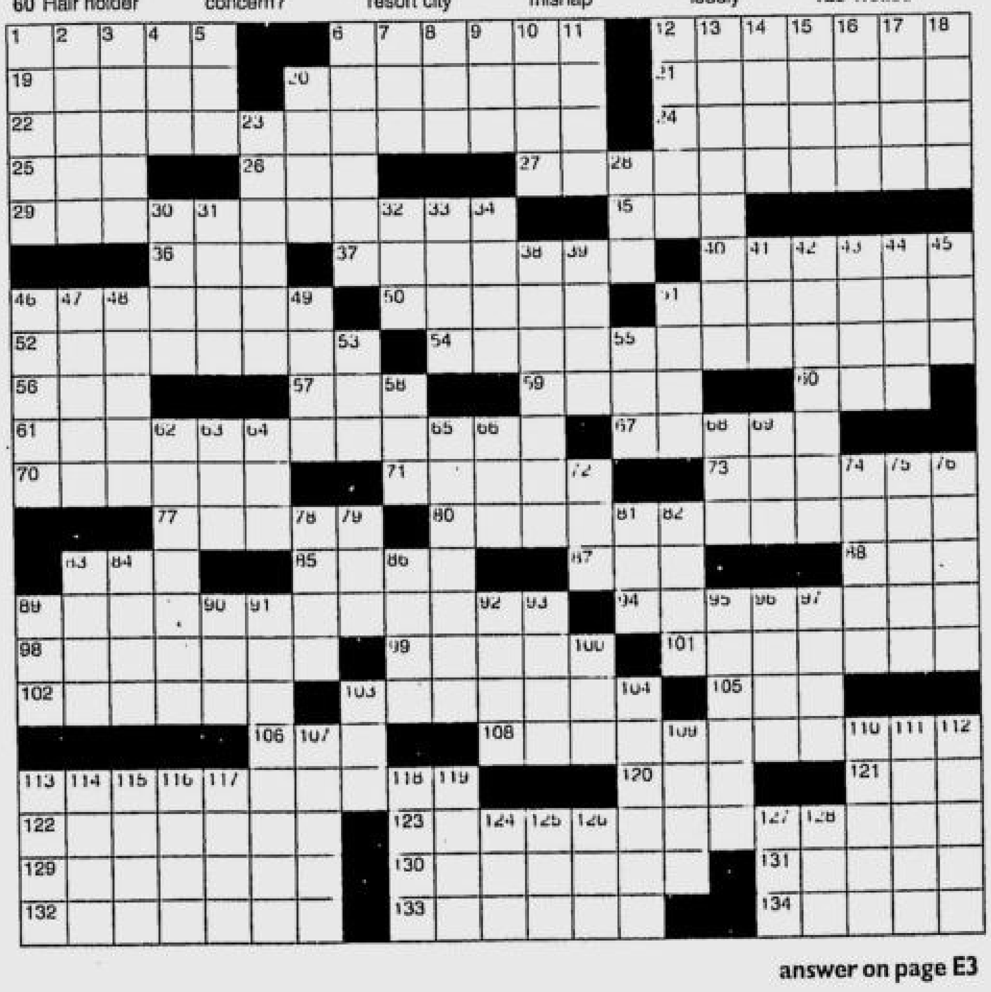

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Wicked stepkids ruining this fairy tale

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR Emily,

I'm a stepmother. I met my husband in 2000 and married him a year later. My husband's first relationship ended in 1995 and he has custody of their three children. His former partner has since married and is now living in the United States.

Although I did not cause the break-up of their parents, I am being blamed by my stepchildren for their mother's marrying a foreigner. Their mantra is, if I were not married to their father, he would have let their mother live with them.

It seems that every time a relationship of my husband's ex-partner went sour, she would return and live with the children and their father until she finds another man. This has been their mother's routine until my husband and I got married.

My husband is a good man. He is deathly afraid of losing his three children. And, although we now have two babies of our own, his fear is that if his three children decide to leave us, they have nowhere to go.

My stepchildren know this and have been milking the situation as much as they can. I cannot even impose basic discipline. They are running the show.

My stepdaughter, in particular, has been very difficult. She has lately gotten involved with a neighbor at her young age of 13. She has been meeting him at dawn. I've talked to her about this, you know, girl talk. But she denied going out, although our entire neighborhood knew about them (there are "night owls" in our place).

One Saturday, she was supposed to meet the guy but I pretended I had to stay downstairs to study a case, preventing her from going out. The guy got mad at her and she, in turn, got mad at me. There was no open warfare, I admit, but I felt the resentment and hostility just the same.

When her father is around, she is so sweet, butter wouldn't melt in her mouth. But the moment he turns his back, she behaves like a brat.

I've told my husband about this but he finds it difficult to believe because he only knows his daughter as a very sweet person. The maids and I know and see otherwise.

I cannot stay in a home where I feel veiled hostility. My husband tells me I'm just too sensitive. My fear is that the tension might get too much and I will blow my top one day.

Lawyering is already a high-tension job. I feel that my home should at least offer refuge.

MARITESS

What ever happened to the lore of the wicked stepmother?

Has it been this way between you and your stepdaughter from the beginning? If so, that's a mighty long time. It must be torture, biting your nails and tossing in your bed, thinking of ways to right what is so terribly wrong in this household you've chosen to call home.

What you feel as "veiled hostility," the "mantra" of these stepchildren, the insensitivity of your husband toward your "sensitiveness," the children's lack of "elementary discipline"—these, and possibly more irritating bits and pieces, contribute to your "fear" that you would "blow your top one day." This slow nibbling into your system can lead to a gangrenous relationship that could threaten your family if not remedied soon.

You and your husband are educated people and must have good thinking processes. Sit down with these children once and for all and thresh out everything. I mean, lay out in the open everything—the good, the bad and the ugly about each one.

In surgery, even the tiniest object is removed from an infected area to prevent the recurrence of a disease. Do this. Give everyone a chance to air whatever they find annoying, hurtful, etc., in this flawed relationship.

Try to gain these kids' trust before they become full-fledged, hard-headed, difficult and opinionated adults. You still have time, although it won't be easy considering you'll be at loggerheads with them at an age when their hormones are already raging!

Your next window of opportunity is when they reach their 30's. They'll have families of their own by then and might be a little easier to deal with. But that's a mighty loooong time for you to be waging these daily battles.

If you are a major contributor to the family budget, you have every right to put your foot down and curtail what you deem as your stepchildren's undisciplined ways. Ahhh—what you do for love!

E-mail the author at emarcelo@inquirer.com.ph, Subject: Lifestyle, or send your letters to Inquirer. Listen to Ms Marcelo co-host the program "Kalikasan Vigilante," 7:15-8:30 p.m., Monday- Friday, on dwBR 104.3 FM.

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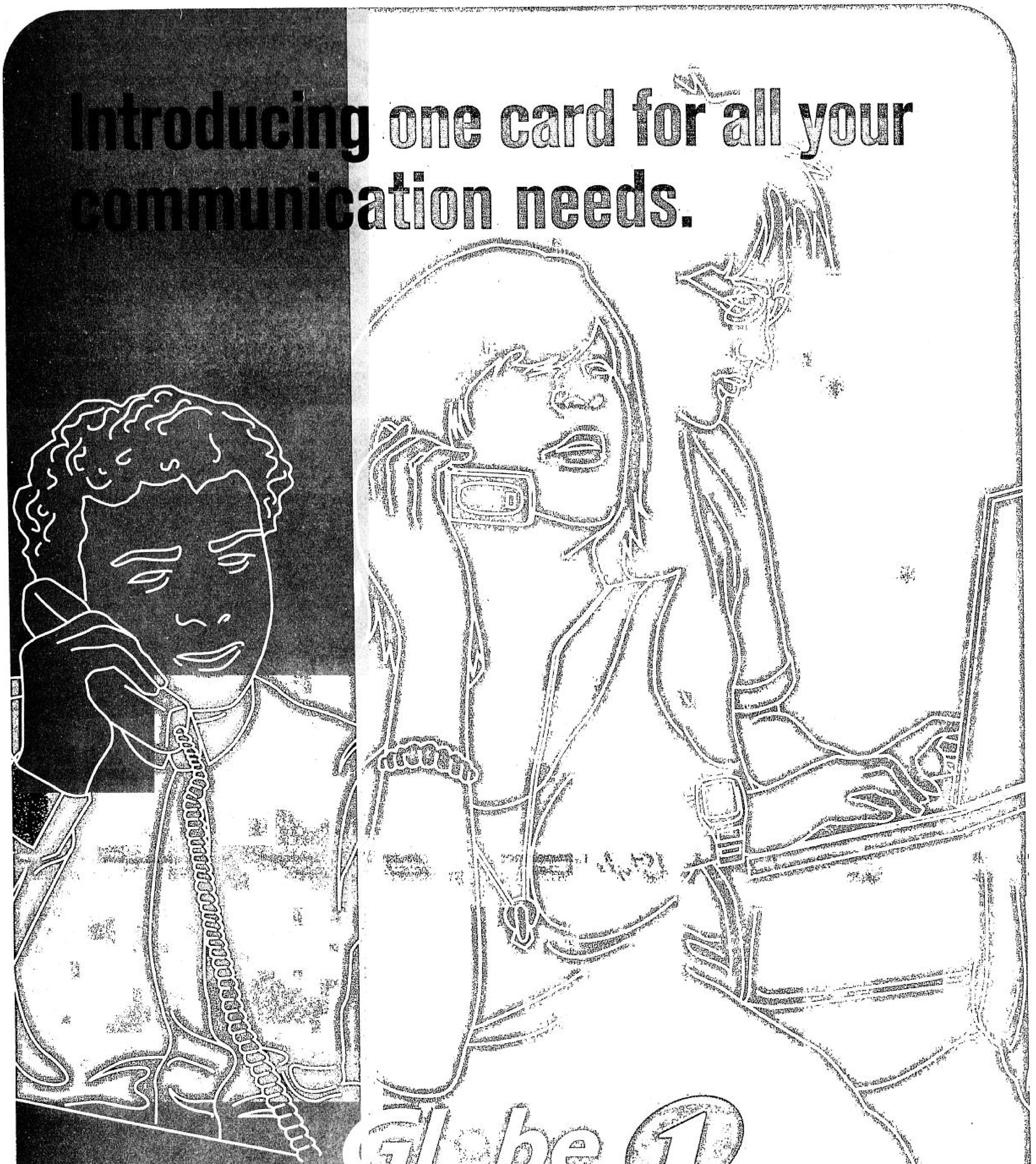

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Wooden spoon sets, serving dishes with a wicker base, Nipponware 16-piece Melaware set, colored glass tumblers with wooden holders and canisters for coffee, marshmallows, candies, cookies, sugar and whatever else has to be stored are also available.

The bedroom can be perked up with a Canadian comforter or three-piece fitted linen set, complemented with luxurious body pillows covered with classic silk pillowcases. The bathroom can sport a new look with the help of a Robert Green shower curtain, face and bath towels and ceramic bath accessories. Bric-a-brac pieces filled with incense sticks or scented candles can make the bathroom a haven for relaxation.

Some easy-on-the-pocket accessories like Doc's Candles, decorative frames and decorative bottles or a flower arrangement can spice up the *sala*, den or dining area.

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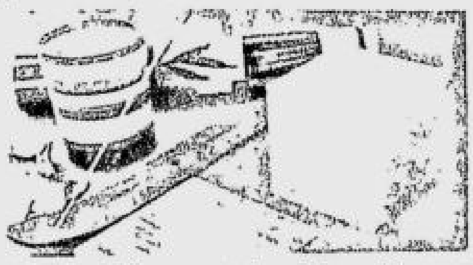

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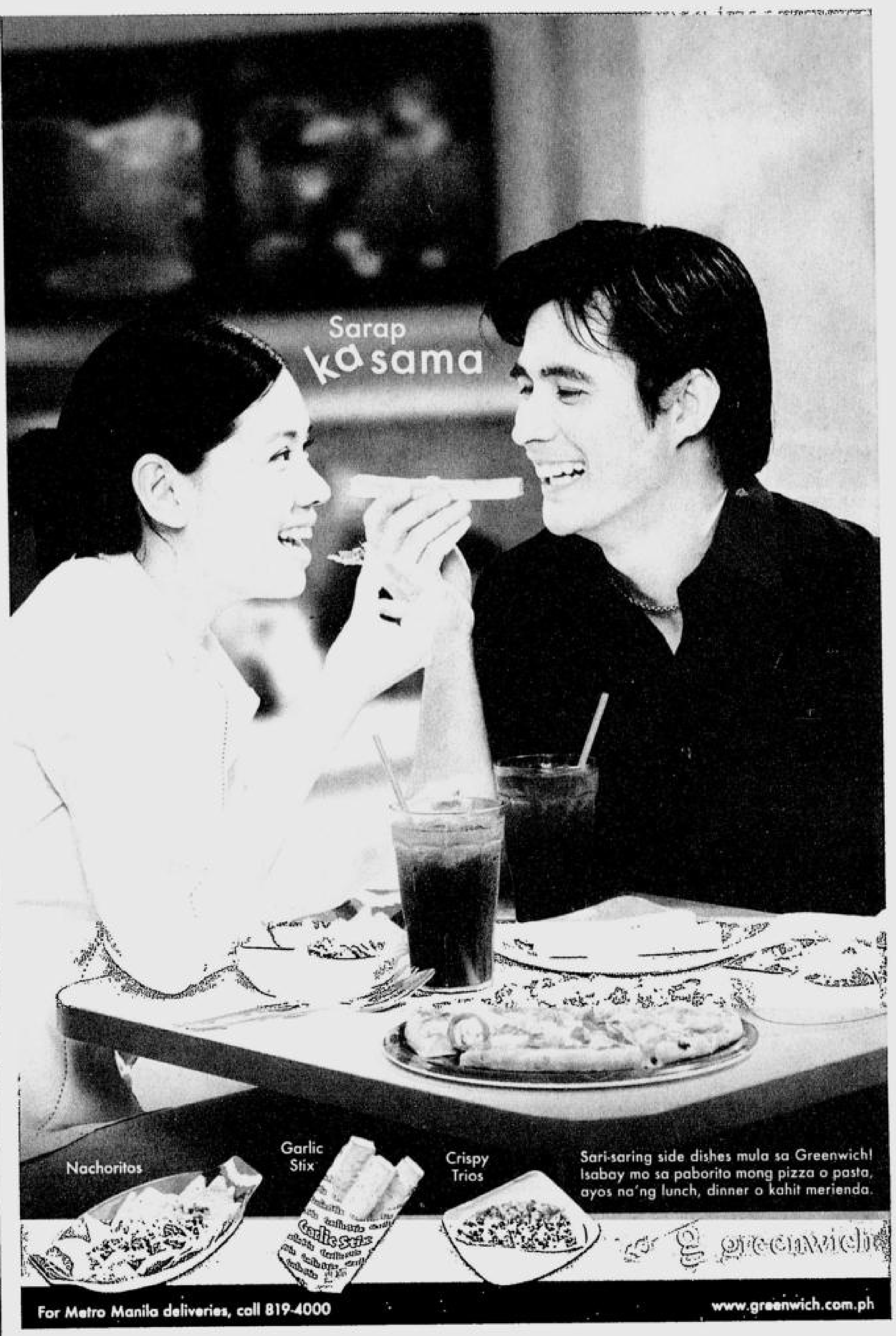

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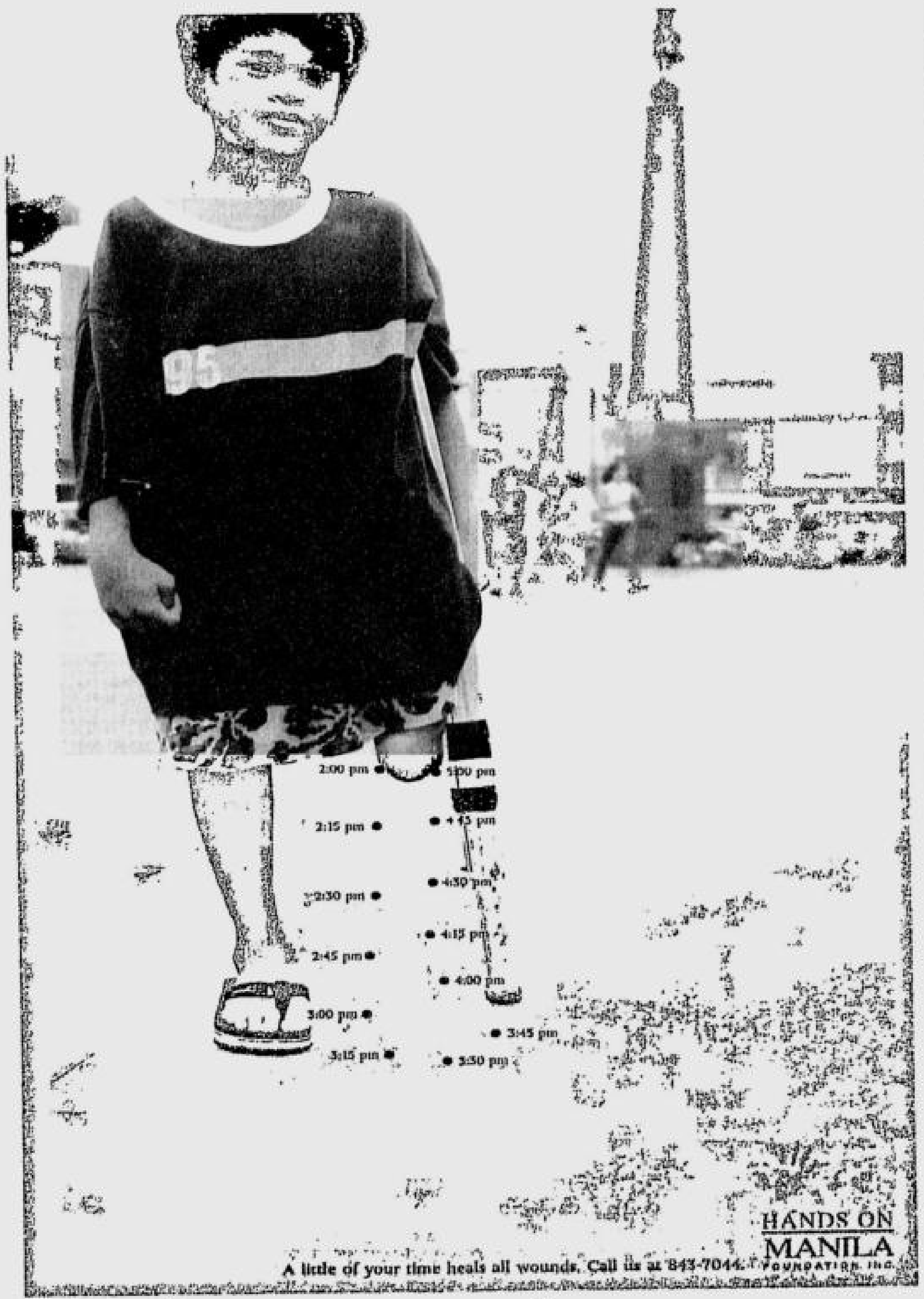

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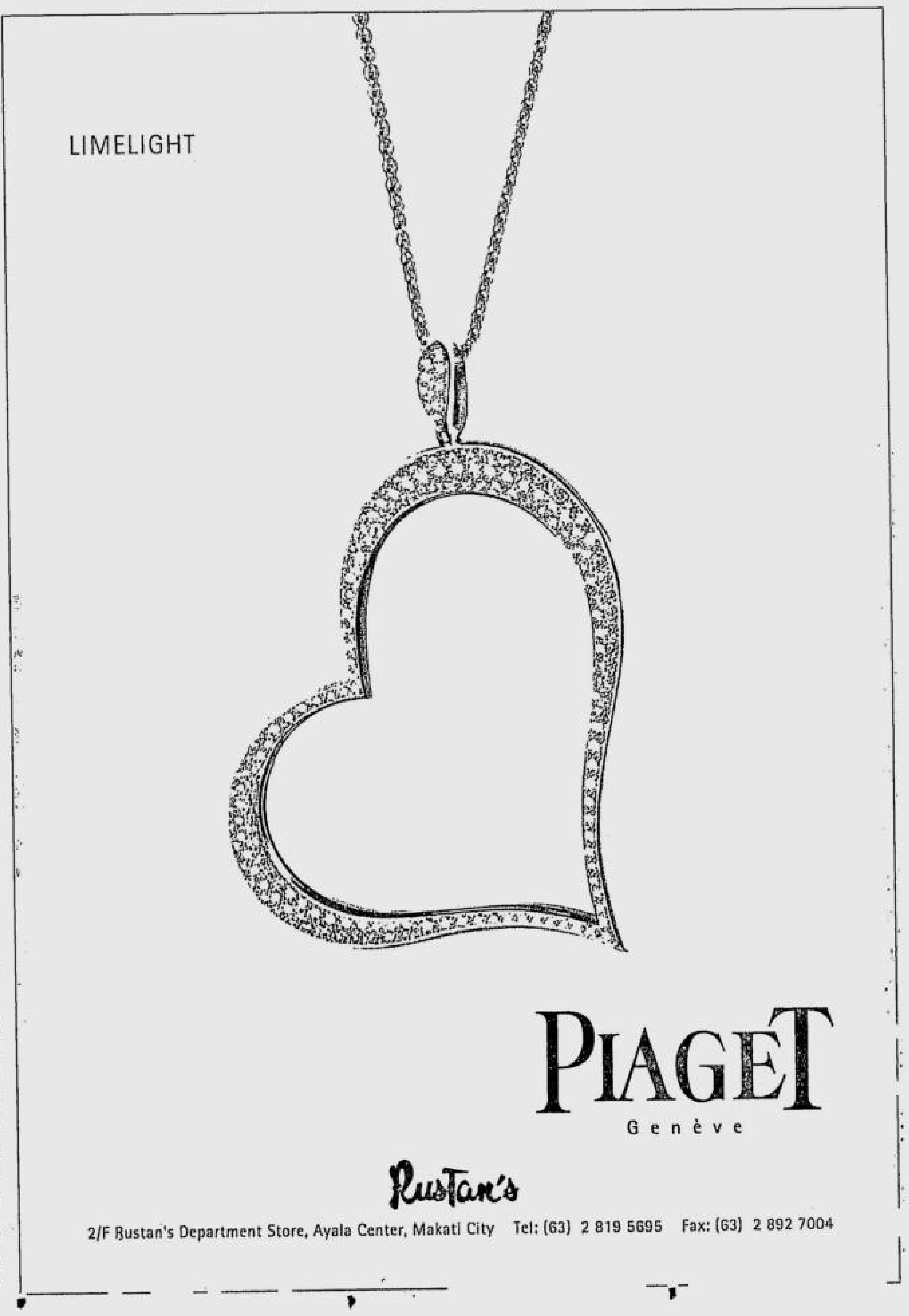

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CHARLENE Gonzales-Muhlach, Henry Sy Sr., Herbert Sy, Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales, Manila Mayor Lito Atienza, Hans Sy and Rep. Miles Roces at the opening of SM City San Lazaro

'Karerahan' is now a shopping mall

SM Supermarket, with aisles so wide and long that you can probably roller-skate without worrying about hitting the displays

THE SUPERMARKET offers a wide range of choices.

Text by Belle V. Bondoc
Photos by Betoy Johnson

THE OLD San Lazaro Hippodrome is now SM City San Lazaro.

The 20th supermall of retail tycoon Henry Sy's SM Prime Holdings Inc. sits on the four-hectare property formerly occupied by the Manila Jockey Club. It is the chain's third supermall in Manila after SM City Manila and SM Quiapo.

The new shopping complex in the old site of the hippodrome, one of the country's oldest racing clubs, has a floor area of 177,000 sq m. Like other supermalls, it has a department store, supermarket, food court and cinemas. The mall also has fashion boutiques, specialty stores, jewelry and novelty shops, home décor and accessories stores, book stores, specialty restaurants, amusement centers, computer shops, telecom centers and even Internet cafés.

"This one is quite big, almost the same size as SM Cebu," says Millie Dizon, first vice president for marketing communications of SM Supermalls.

The four-story mall is at the corner of A.H. Lacson and Felix Huertas Streets, to the northeast of Manila. Aiming to draw a large and equally mixed clientele, the new mall is a short ride from some of the busiest commercial and financial sections of Manila—the university belt, downtown and Chinatown. It is near the LRT stations in Tayuman and Blumentritt; major schools like University of Santo Tomas and Far Eastern University, as well as residential and commercial establishments in the area.

Residents near the new mall can rediscover the pleasures of shopping without the irritation of traffic jams.

HANS Sy and Teresita Sy-Coson

FELICIDAD Sy

Office employees and students within the area, who feel in need of a break, can make a quick trip to the mall for a leisurely meal or a snack.

The SM City San Lazaro has six levels of parking with about 1,095 slots for customer convenience and security. Additional levels will be built if more parking space is needed in the future.

Six state-of-the-art cinemas at the fourth level feature the latest design to make movie viewing more enjoyable.

At the ground level are the food court and SM Supermarket, with aisles so wide and long you can probably roller-skate without worrying about hitting the displays.

Inauguration

The blessing and inauguration rites of San Lazaro complex were attended by the SM chain's top executives headed by owner Sy Sr. and his wife, Felicidad; Hans Sy, SM Prime senior vice president; Herbert Sy, SM Prime director; and Teresita Sy-Coson, SM president.

Manila archbishop Gaudencio Rosales officiated at the Mass. Other special guests were Manila Mayor Lito Atienza and members of the city council; chair Maria Consoliza La Guardia of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB); movie producers Esperidion Laxa and Mother Lily Monteverde; and TV actress/host Charlene Gonzales-Muhlach.

Some shops had their opening on the same day as the mall's inauguration. Mossimo, Guess, Esprit, Levi's, Nike Stadium, Planet Sports, Bench, Human and Freeway, among others, are now open for business.

The mall has the basic and distinctive SM architectural design, with the façade sporting a stucco finish following the Exterior Interior Finishing System.

SM City San Lazaro was designed by Jose Siao Ling. Architect Juanito Yap was design consultant; DA Abcede and Associates, project manager; and New Golden City Builders, general contractor.

Classic meets contemporary in lifestyle exhibit

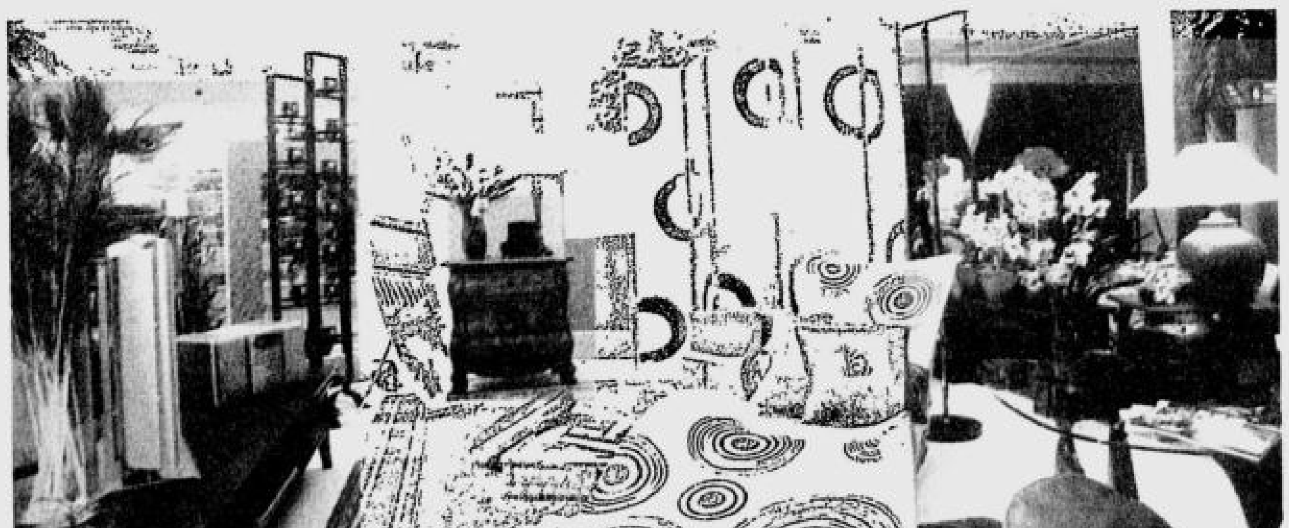
TRADITIONAL and modern, conventional yet eclectic. These aptly described the interesting mixture of colors, space-age designs, indigenous materials, time-honored Asian trends and revolutionary concepts at Fusiontrends, a lifestyle exhibit featuring the latest and never-before-seen furniture collection of Blims Fine Furniture held recently at the Ayala Mall, Glorietta 3.

Fusiontrends highlighted eight vignettes created by the design faculty of the Philippine School of Interior Design (PSID). It was a coming together of the creative minds of Blims, PSID and Mega Magazines and Publications, Inc. (MMPI). The vignettes showcased in Fusiontrends represented the different lifestyles of the readers of MMPI magazines: Mega, Lifestyle Asia, Me, Appetite, Meg, My Home, Manual and Blu Print.

What set Fusiontrends apart were the intelligent and highly imaginative use of small spaces, the combination of contrasting materials and designs which drew inspiration from China to Scandinavia, the creative flooring and dividers that defined each vignette and the striking, avant garde "conversation piece" furniture.

In Meg's Teen Bedroom, individualism was depicted with two nouveau art lounge chairs—the Dancing Belly and the Floating Fancy. They simulated motion and suggested fun, style and sensibility despite their simplicity. The Bluetooth Lounge Chair, made of sculptured fiberglass and braided hyacinth fiber was an innovative, must-see furniture in the Lanai Lush, a tropical haven which highlighted the style-savvy and practical home enthusiasts of My Home.

If a piece of furniture could be described as sexy and curvaceous, it was the deep jewel-toned Sarong Chaise Lounge. It added a feeling of sensuality to the Corner Boudoir designed to go with the confident, independent, assertive and sexy style of every Mega woman. Lavish Comfort, a master bedroom for the readers of Lifestyle Asia, featured colors, textures and prints that projected a luxurious and cosmopolitan lifestyle defined by comfort and relaxation.



CORNER BOUDOIR: The Mega Woman's Bedroom

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The soft-leather and virgin foam-based Honeydew Lounge was a perfect touch-up to the Home Office vignette made for the multi-faceted, nurturing, driven and compassionate Me Magazine women of substance. The crisp, clean, innovative and manly Designer's Den banked on leather and lots of imagination as illustrated by the contrasting use of materials such as chrome, leather, wood and glass to suit the discriminating taste of Blu Print readers.

The black-and-white Rubik's Side Table was one of the focal points in the Home Entertainment Center designed for the urbane, hip, self-assured and tech-savvy Manual Magazine man. The Exquisite Feast vignette for genuine food lovers of Appetite Magazine, meanwhile, was designed as a sleek and stylish room ideal for entertaining. Furniture pieces were made of stainless steel, chrome and glass.

Fusiontrends also introduced other "sensation" furniture such as the Nonna Lounge and Ottoman, the Rolly Polly Rocker, the Kimono Chair and one of the most fascinating pieces of furniture, the world's thinnest chair, the Plasma Lounge.

The Fusiontrends Lifestyle Exhibit was presented by Blims Fine Furniture in cooperation with Philips, BPI Express Credit, Boysen, PSID, My Home and Blu Print and MMPI. Other exhibit partners were Krups, Atmosfera, Cereo Candle Exchange and Selco Enterprises.

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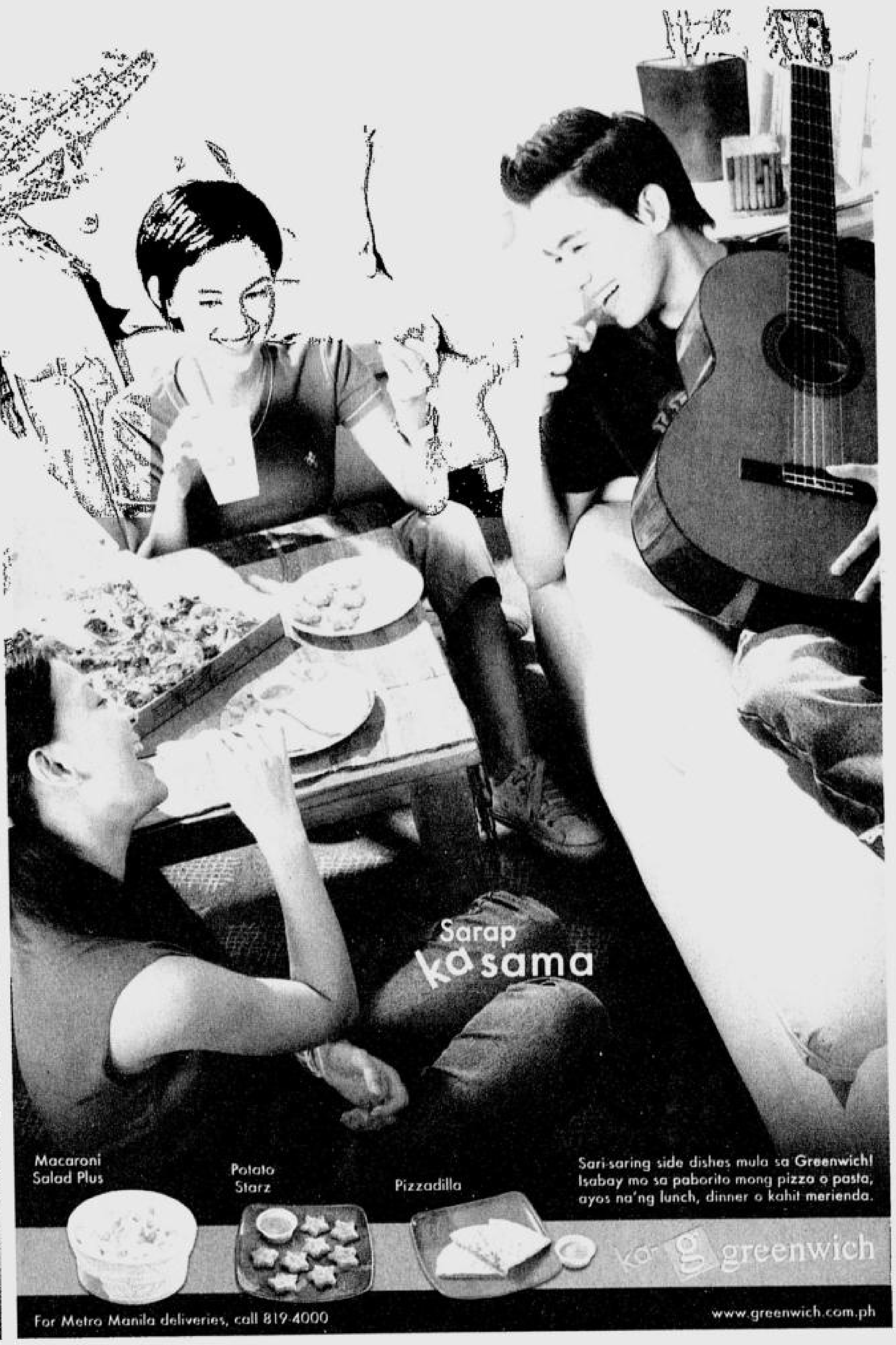

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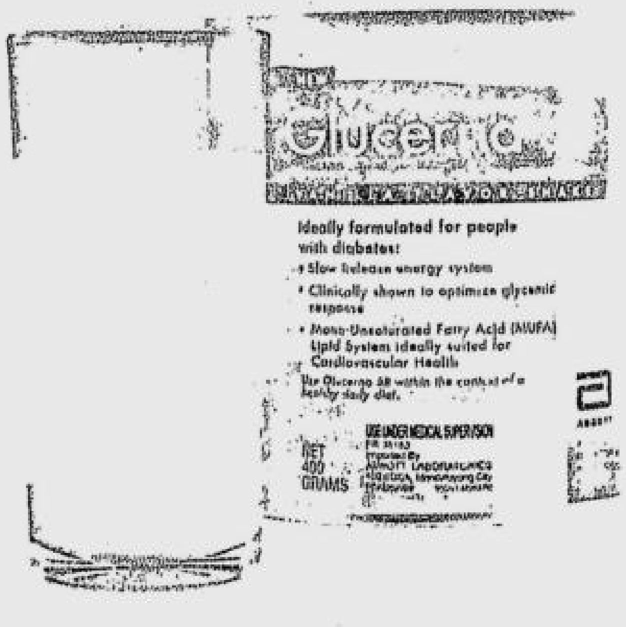

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Casualties of 'war' remembered

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

TWENTY years ago, on June 29, 1985, to be exact, the famous Greenpeace flagship, Rainbow Warrior, was sunk by two underwater mines on Marsden Wharf, New Zealand.

Investigations showed those responsible for the sinking were French agents trying to foil Greenpeace's incessant protests against France's nuclear weapons testing in the Pacific. That attack caused worldwide outrage and generated more sympathy for Greenpeace.

But the cost of that incident was steep—not only was the ship lost but two lives as well: Fernando Pereira, Greenpeace photographer, and Hanne Sorensen, a new female recruit.

To mark the 20th anniversary of that infamous incident, Greenpeace is making available for distribution photo, video and radio packages. The photos show the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior, as well as the crew before and after the bombing. The videos consist of four different documentaries, some with English voice-overs, some in clean versions for dubbing in different languages. Radio documentaries include a collection of all radio tracks for broadcasters.

Darkness

The impact of the Rainbow Warrior's sinking is described by crew members: "Several hours earlier (in) what felt like a lifetime, there had been an explosion. Some (crew members) were stirred from sleep by a dull, muffled thud, as though something heavy had been dropped on the deck above. Those still awake and clustered around the small mess room table were suddenly plunged into darkness.

"Everything happened at once. The steady drone of the generator that formed a constant backdrop to life on board, ceased abruptly. The darkness was marginally lifted by the eerie glow of the emergency lights. That moment of silence was almost instantly replaced by the sharp crack of breaking glass and the sudden ferocious roar of water. The (crew's) immediate thought was that possibly a big tug had hit them.

"Two minutes later, a second explosion: a flash of blue light streaked through the cloudy waters around the ship. Those already on deck scrambled up the ladder or leaped to safety on the wharf. They watched as, in a matter of minutes, the twin steel masts of the ship tilted towards them."

Investigations, then a trial, followed. The New Zealand police uncovered what seemed like a French plot. There was even talk that photographer Pereira had been murdered. The French government apologized and recompensed Greenpeace for the damage. Two French agents were sent to jail, but none of these was satisfactory to Greenpeace.

Setback

The loss of the Rainbow Warrior and its two crew members has been a big setback. The bombed ship and the casualties have become victims of an environmental cause. But Greenpeace believes their sacrifice has not been in vain. Today, nuclear weapons testing has stopped. The Cold War fear of nuclear warfare has been replaced by a war on terror and a fear of global warming.

Greenpeace has also changed, taking on new issues, new tactics and new campaigns. But one thing has not changed, say the 1985 Rainbow Warrior crew members: they're still at it, still campaigning for a safe, sustainable world.

How often has it happened: those who work for the environment end up paying the ultimate price. Here in the Philippines, we have only to remember the forest rangers and wardens who have lost their lives or been unjustly imprisoned in the line of duty. Is that a sign of the times?

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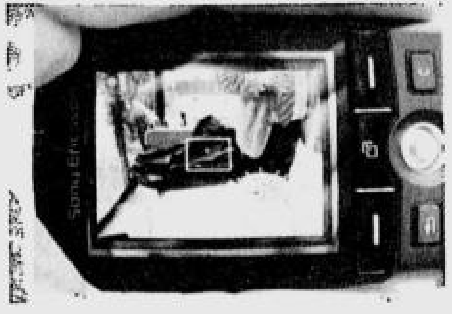
SONY Ericsson K750i pairs its striking good looks with attitude and is filled to the brim with other equally excellent features. It is a mobile communications device that incorporates phone, digital camera, music and organizer functions all in one sophisticated and attractive package.



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Excellent imaging capabilities are not the only fun offerings of the K750i. You can now also leave behind that portable digital music player as Sony Ericsson's latest handset is also a solid advanced jukebox with a graphic equalizer and playlist support.

Just transfer your favorite MP3 music files onto the Memory Stick Pro Duo card—the unit comes with 64MB card—plug in the sound-optimizing handsfree headset and you're good to go. By the way, the K750i also has an FM radio tuner with channel preset functionality.

Improving on the aesthetics of its best-selling predecessor, the K700i, the K750i is fashionably sleek and sexy, weighing in at a mere 99 g, measuring 100 x 46 x 20.5 mm, and exuding cool classicism with its understated black-and-silver scheme.

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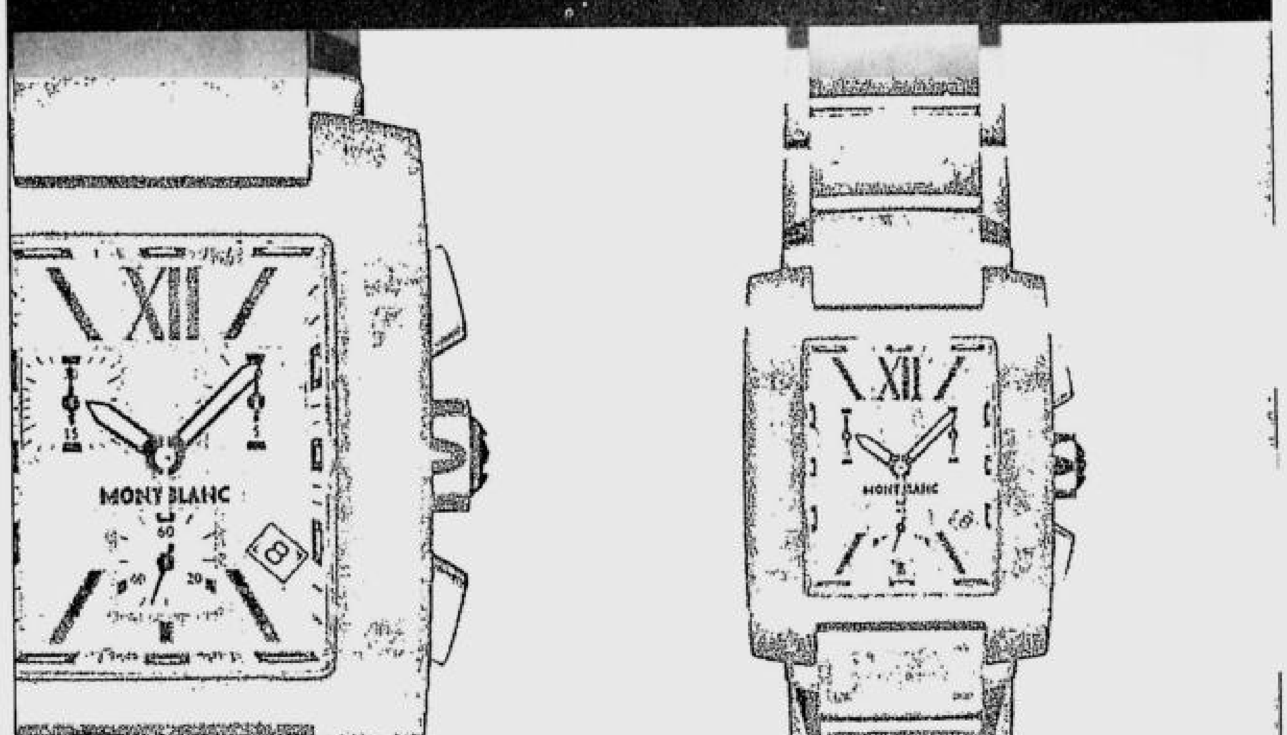

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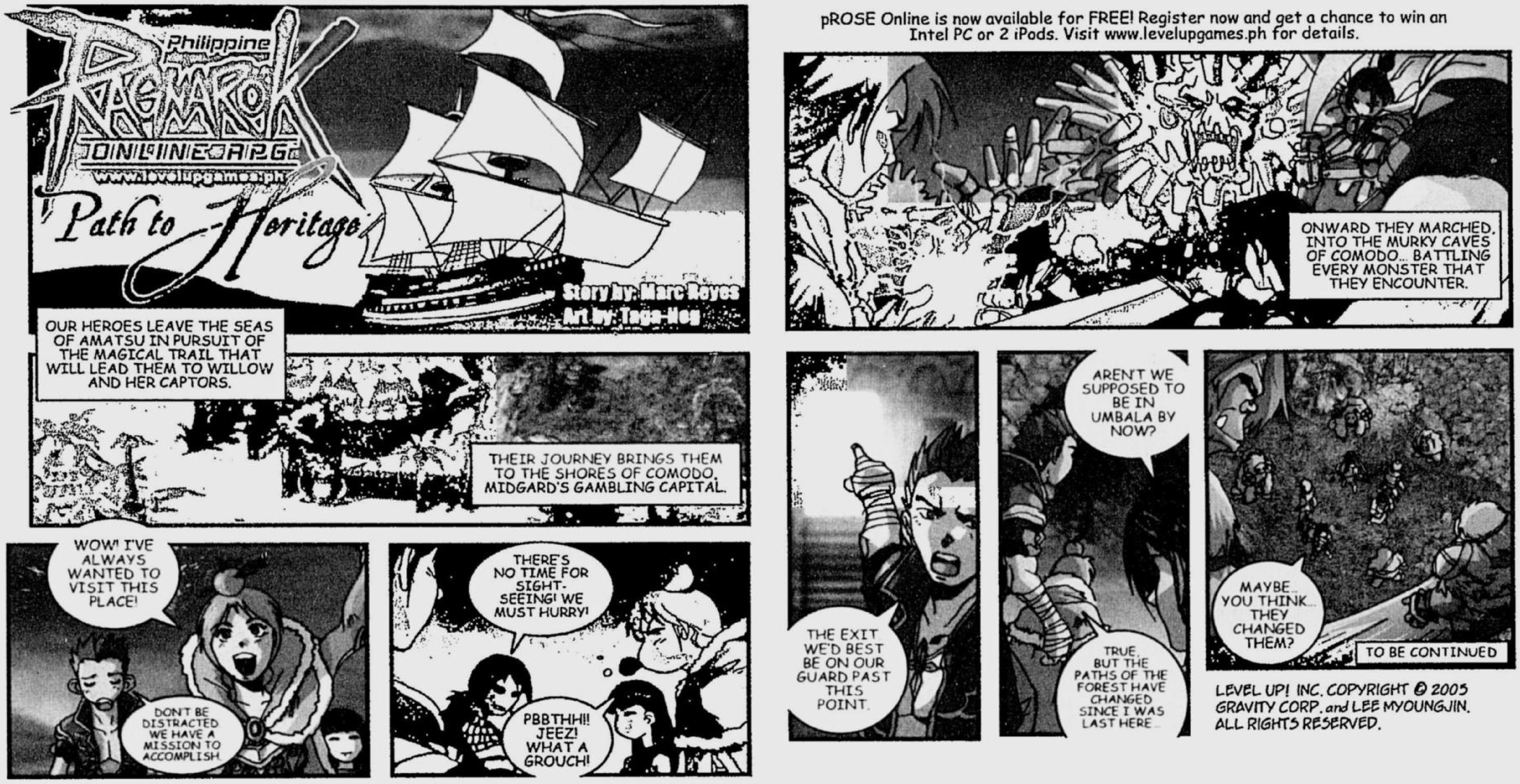
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DON'T BE DISTRACTED WE HAVE A MISSION TO ACCOMPLISH.
THERE'S NO TIME FOR SIGHT-SEEING! WE MUST HURRY!
PBBTHH!! JEEZ! WHAT A GROUCH!
ONWARD THEY MARCHED, INTO THE MURKY CAVES OF COMODO... BATTLING EVERY MONSTER THAT THEY ENCOUNTER.
THE EXIT WE'D BEST BE ON OUR GUARD PAST THIS POINT.
AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO BE IN UMBALA BY NOW?
TRUE, BUT THE PATHS OF THE FOREST HAVE CHANGED SINCE I WAS LAST HERE...
MAYBE... YOU THINK... THEY CHANGED THEM?
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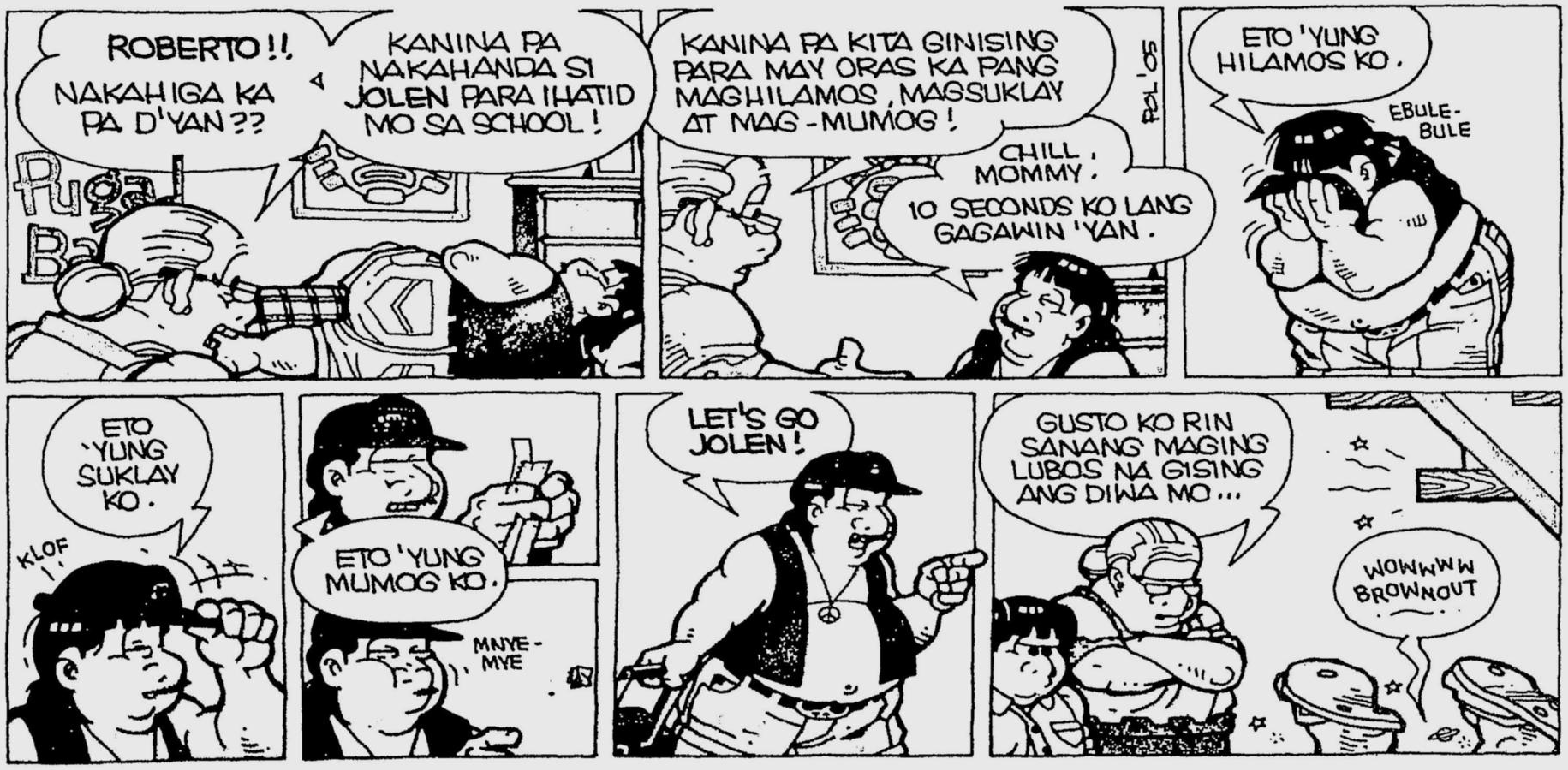
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ROBERTO!! NAKAHIGA KA PA D'YAN??
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KANINA PA KITA GINISING PARA MAY ORAS KA PANG MAGHILAMOS, MAGSUKLAY AT MAG-MUMOG!
CHILL, MOMMY.
10 SECONDS KO LANG GAGAWIN 'YAN.
ETO 'YUNG HILAMOS KO.
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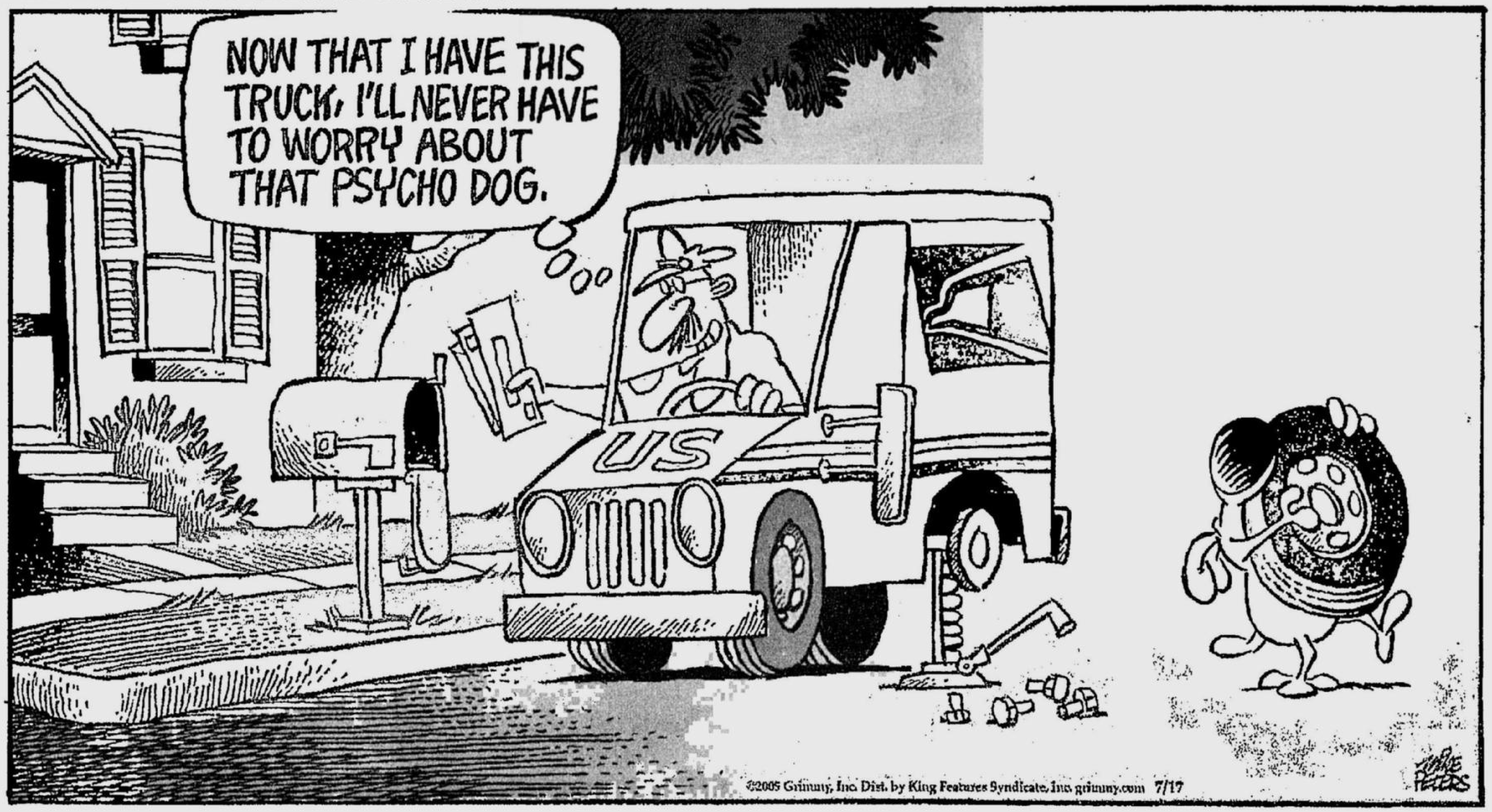
MNYE-MYE
LET'S GO JOLEN!
GUSTO KO RIN SANANG MAGING LUBOS NA GISING ANG DIWA MO...
WOWWWW BROWNOUT

FOLLOW THE FOLD TO GET TO MIDGARD

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS


NOW THAT I HAVE THIS TRUCK, I'LL NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT PSYCHO DOG.
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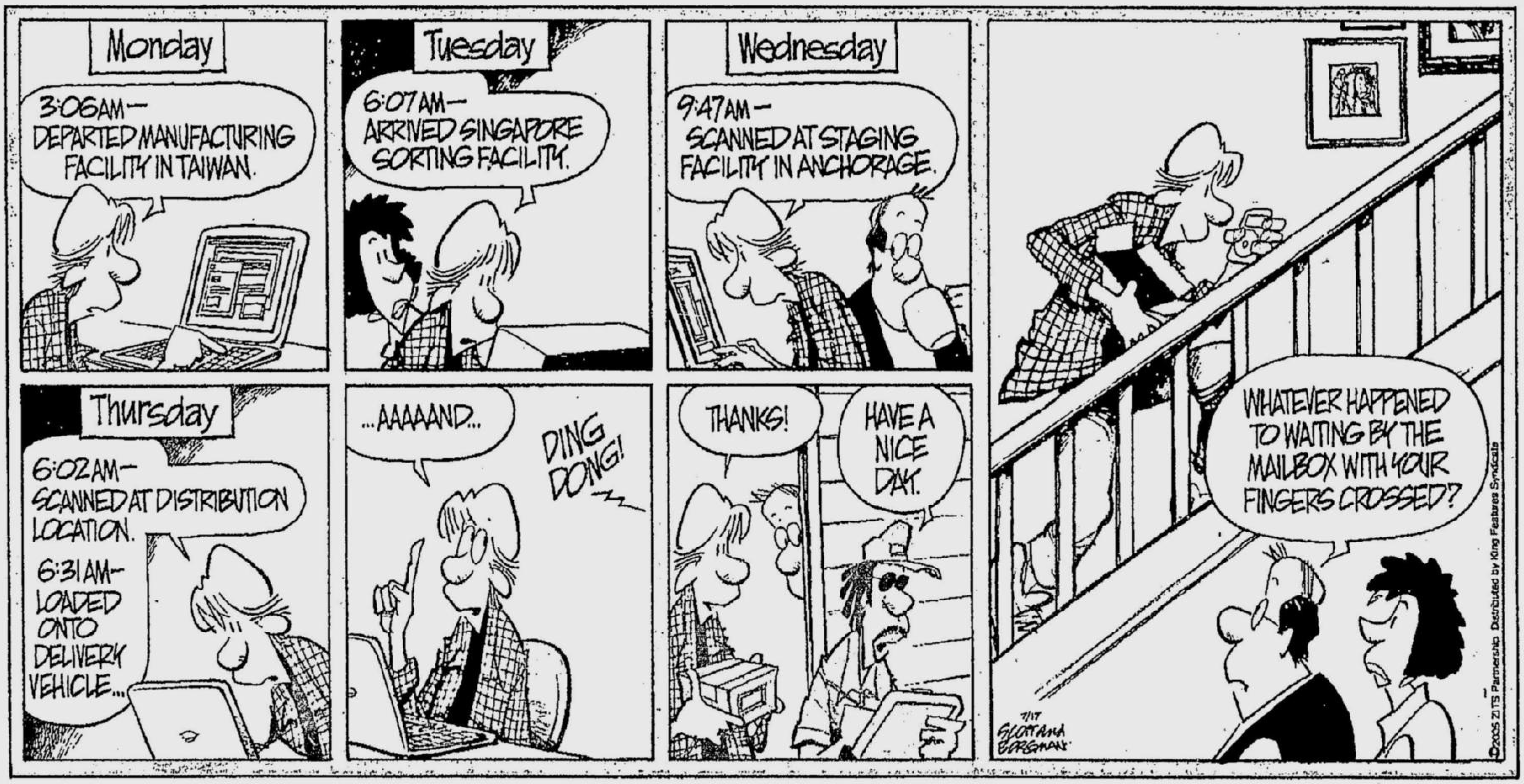
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3:06AM— DEPARTED MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN TAIWAN.
Tuesday
6:07AM— ARRIVED SINGAPORE SORTING FACILITY.
Wednesday
9:47AM— SCANNED AT STAGING FACILITY IN ANCHORAGE.
Thursday
6:02AM— SCANNED AT DISTRIBUTION LOCATION.
6:31AM— LOADED ONTO DELIVERY VEHICLE...
...AAAAAND...
DING DONG!
THANKS!
HAVE A NICE DAY.
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO WAITING BY THE MAILBOX WITH YOUR FINGERS CROSSED?
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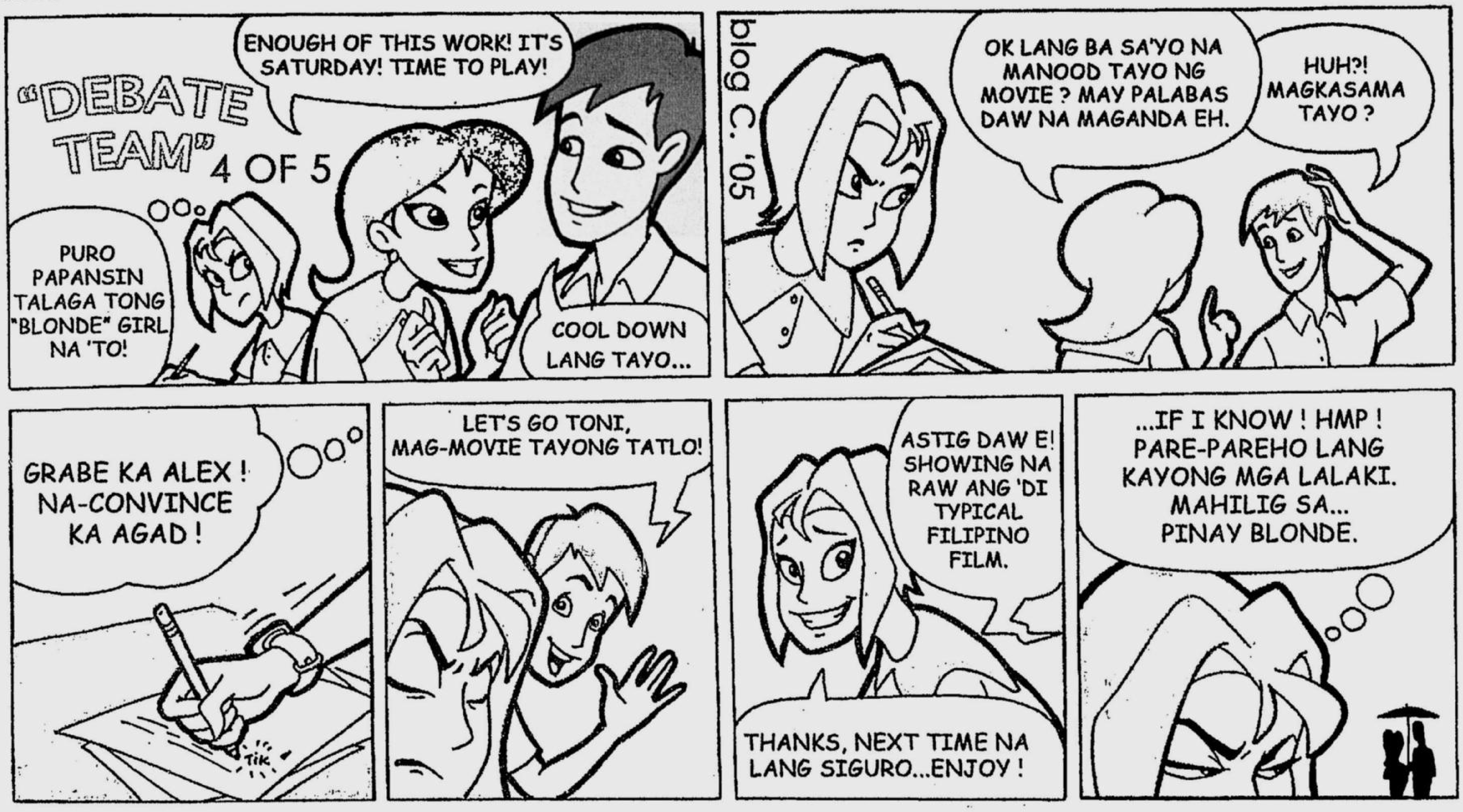
BY BLOG CALIGUIA


"DEBATE TEAM" 4 OF 5
ENOUGH OF THIS WORK! IT'S SATURDAY! TIME TO PLAY!
PURO PAPANSIN TALAGA TONG "BLONDE" GIRL NA 'TO!
COOL DOWN LANG TAYO...
blog C. '05
OK LANG BA SA'YO NA MANOOD TAYO NG MOVIE ? MAY PALABAS DAW NA MAGANDA EH.
HUH?! MAGKASAMA TAYO ?
GRABE KA ALEX ! NA-CONVINCE KA AGAD !
TIK
LET'S GO TONI, MAG-MOVIE TAYONG TATLO!
ASTIG DAW E! SHOWING NA RAW ANG 'DI TYPICAL FILIPINO FILM.
THANKS, NEXT TIME NA LANG SIGURO...ENJOY !
...IF I KNOW ! HMP ! PARE-PAREHO LANG KAYONG MGA LALAKI. MAHILIG SA... PINAY BLONDE.

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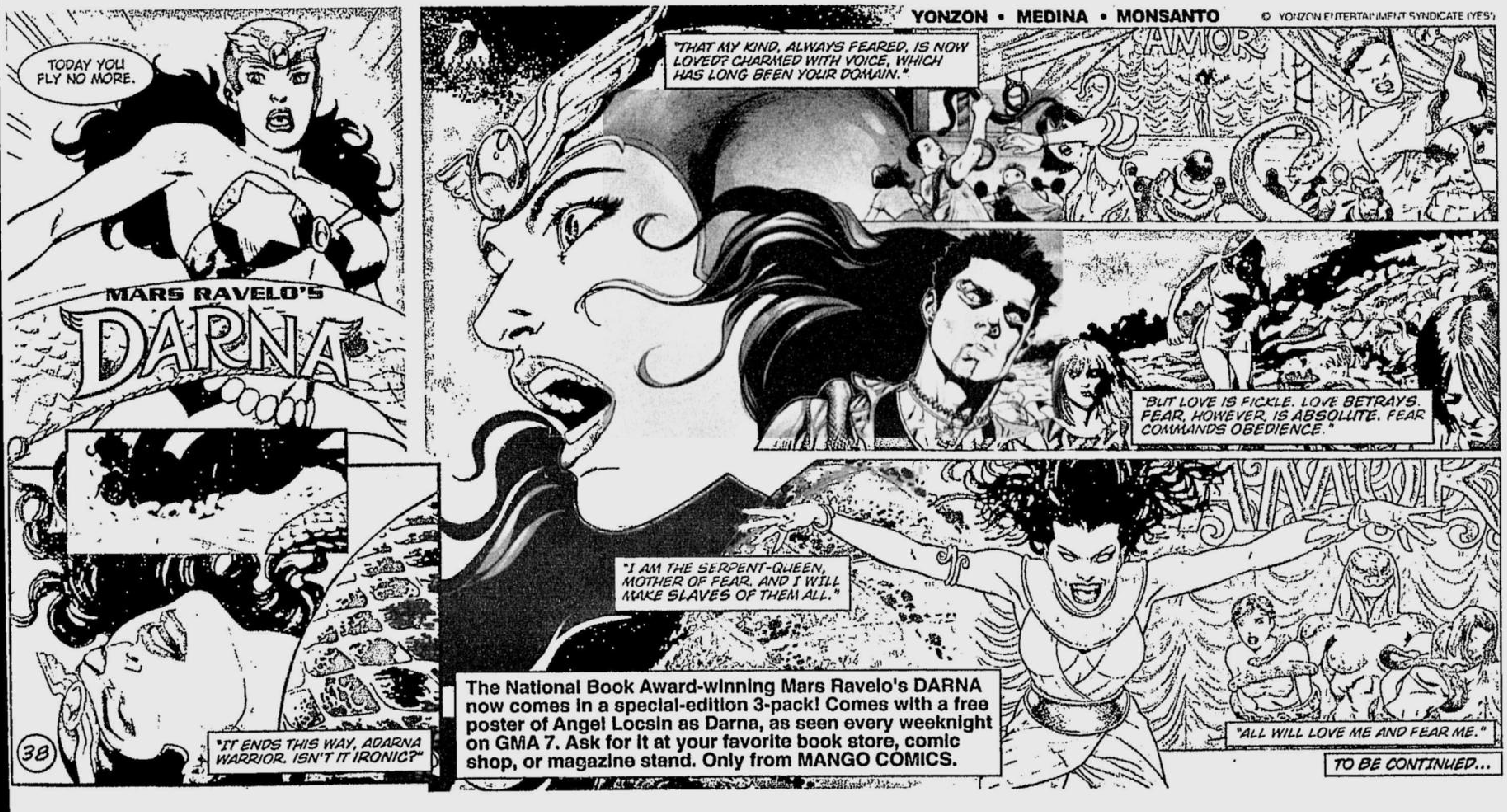
TODAY YOU FLY NO MORE.
MARS RAVELO'S DARNA
"IT ENDS THIS WAY, ADARNA WARRIOR. ISN'T IT IRONIC?"
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"THAT MY KIND, ALWAYS FEARED, IS NOW LOVED? CHARMED WITH VOICE, WHICH HAS LONG BEEN YOUR DOMAIN."
AMOR
"BUT LOVE IS FICKLE. LOVE BETRAYS. FEAR, HOWEVER, IS ABSOLUTE. FEAR COMMANDS OBEDIENCE."
"I AM THE SERPENT-QUEEN, MOTHER OF FEAR. AND I WILL MAKE SLAVES OF THEM ALL."
"ALL WILL LOVE ME AND FEAR ME."
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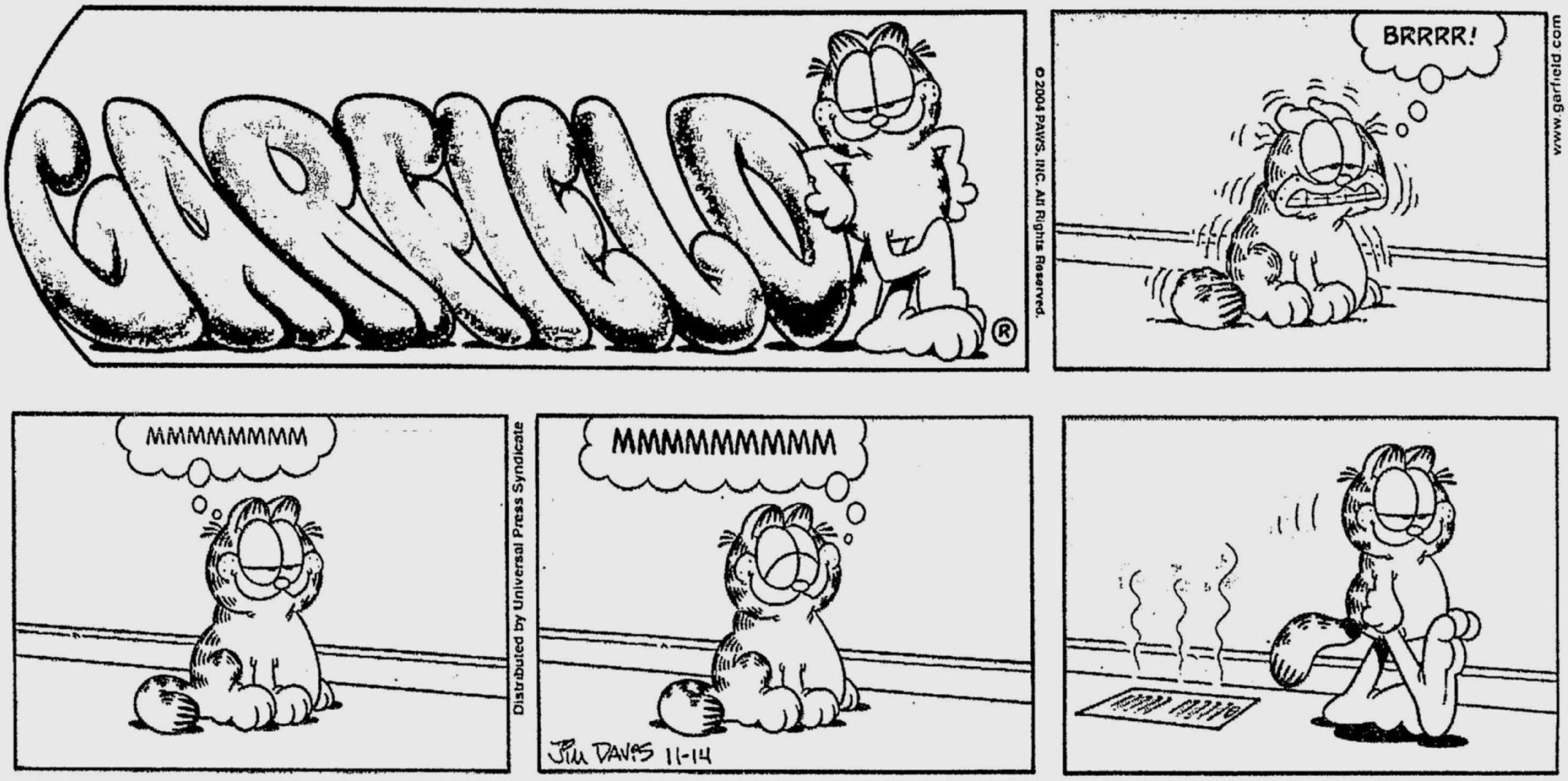
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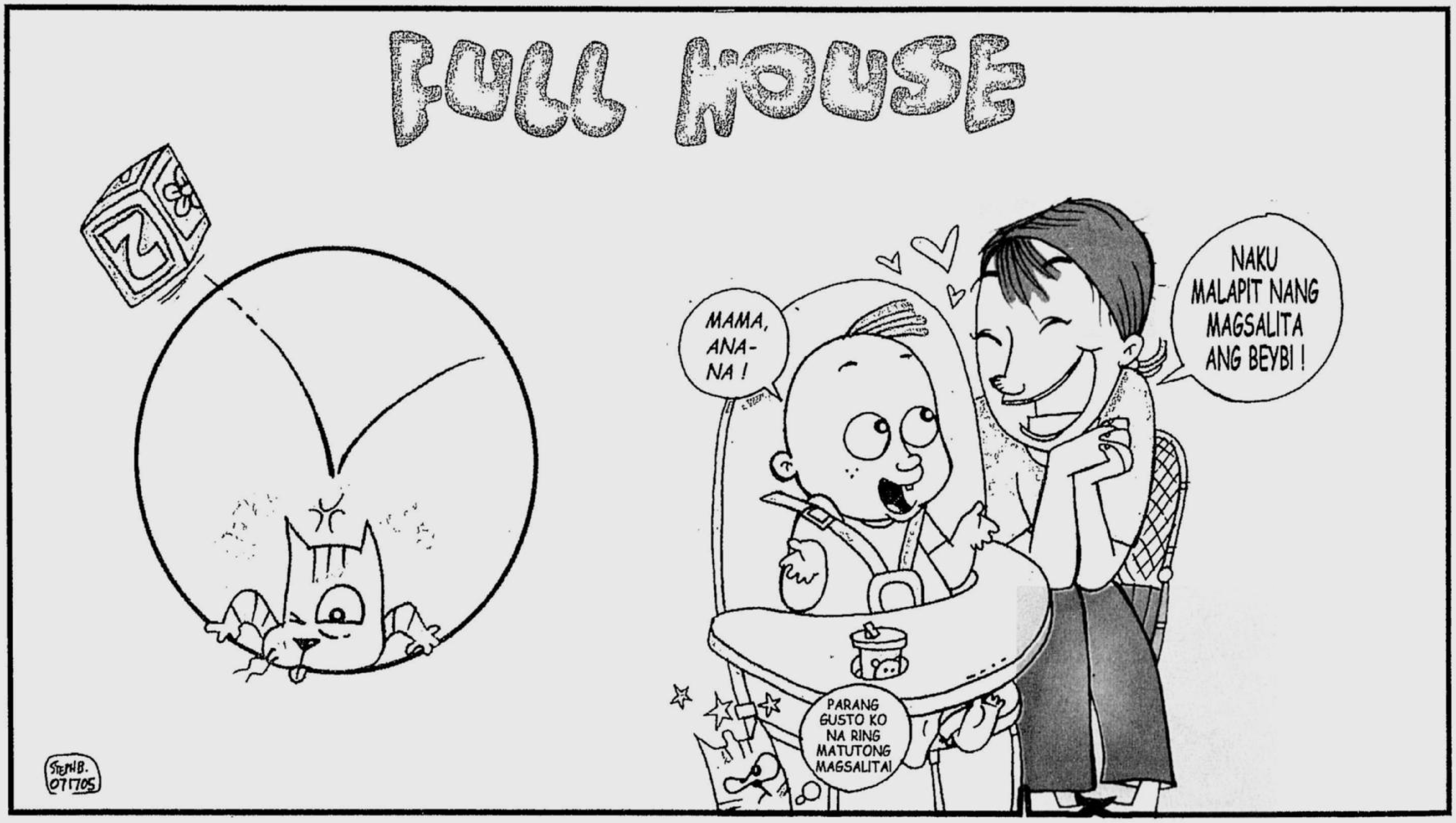
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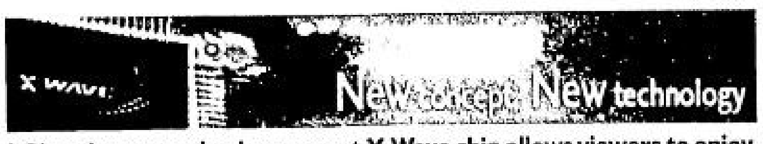

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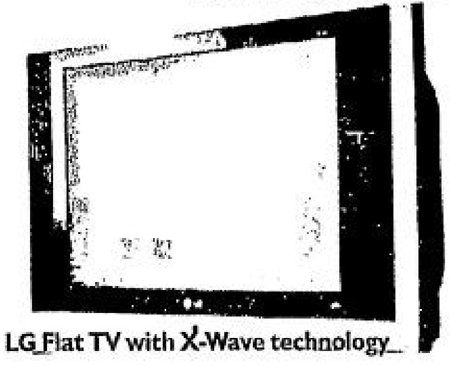

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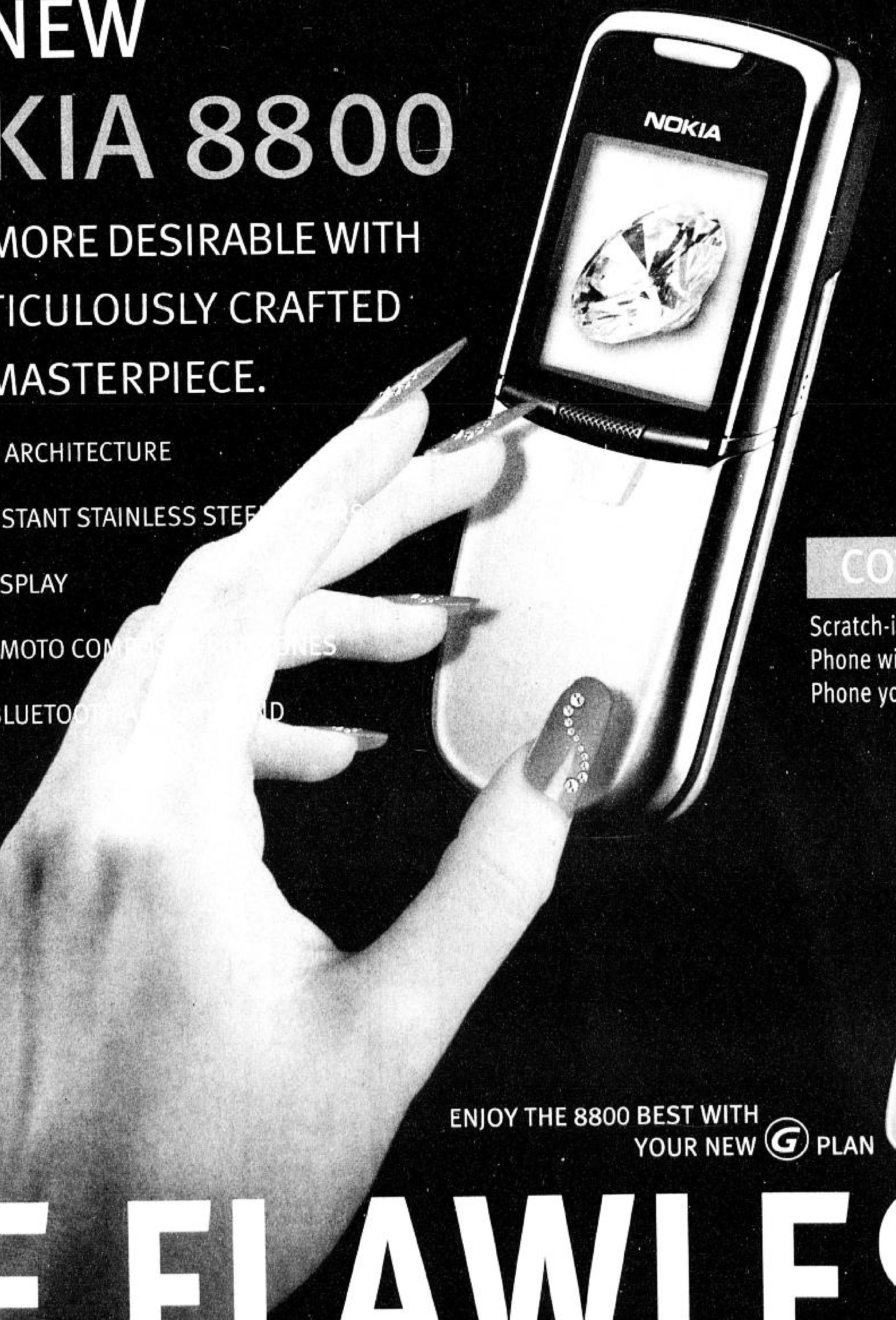

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- Perform specific project interiors design and developments tasks. plan, schedule, conduct, coordinate and, direct the development of interior requirements.
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Product Manager

- Male graduates of Business Management or Marketing from reputable colleges or universities, not more than 33 years old
- With 2 to 3 years of experience in product management and market research gained from a consumer company
- Background in advertising, sales promotions and product launches a definite advantage
- With exceptional oral and written communication skills
- Highly analytical, with exceptional planning skills, articulate and creative
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- A skilled driver and holder of a valid driver's license
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Brand Manager

- Female graduates of Business Management or Marketing from reputable colleges or universities, not more than 29 years old
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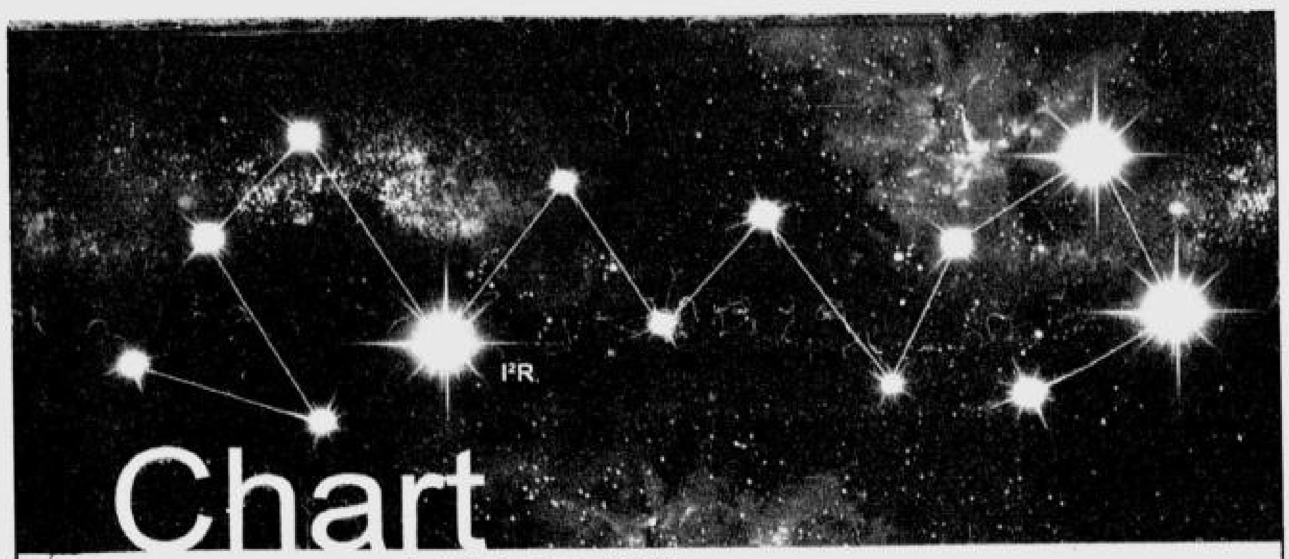

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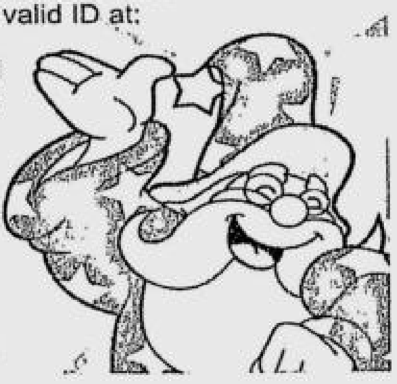

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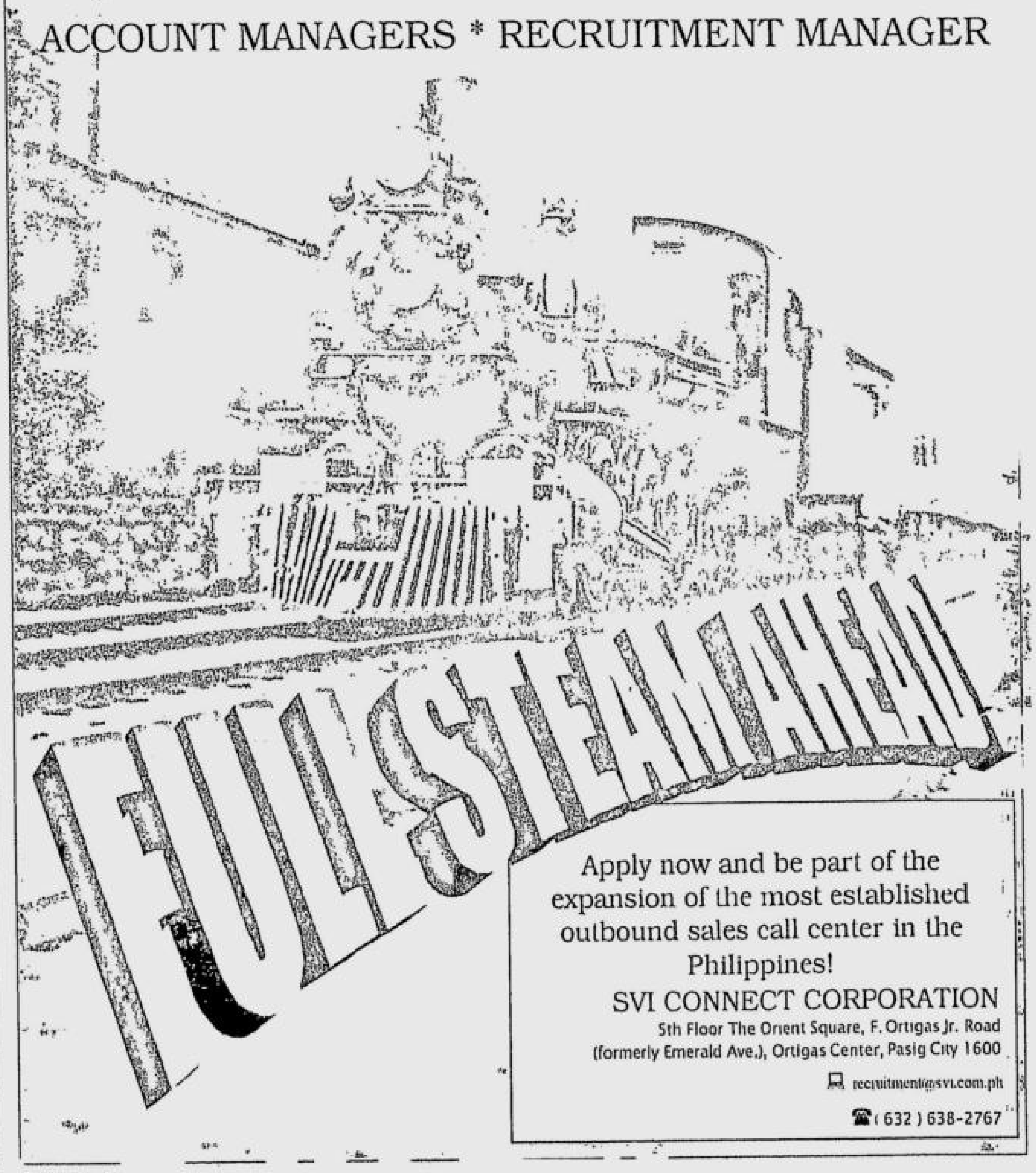

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HRC-0193	Senior Civil Engineer
K-0912	Civil Maintenance Engineer
UAE-0273	Project Cost & Estimation Engineer
UAE-0367	Senior Civil / Structural Engineer
K-0907	Senior Piping Engineer
Q-0203A	Rotating Equipment Engineer
Q-0234	Maintenance Scheduler
UAE-0234	Mechanical Technician
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UAE-0340	Senior Mechanical Technician
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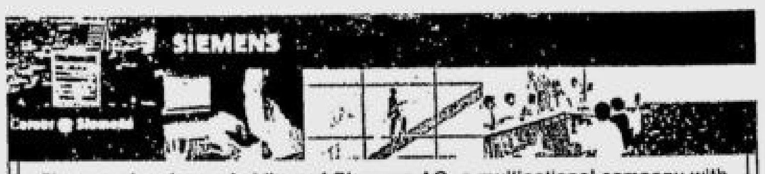

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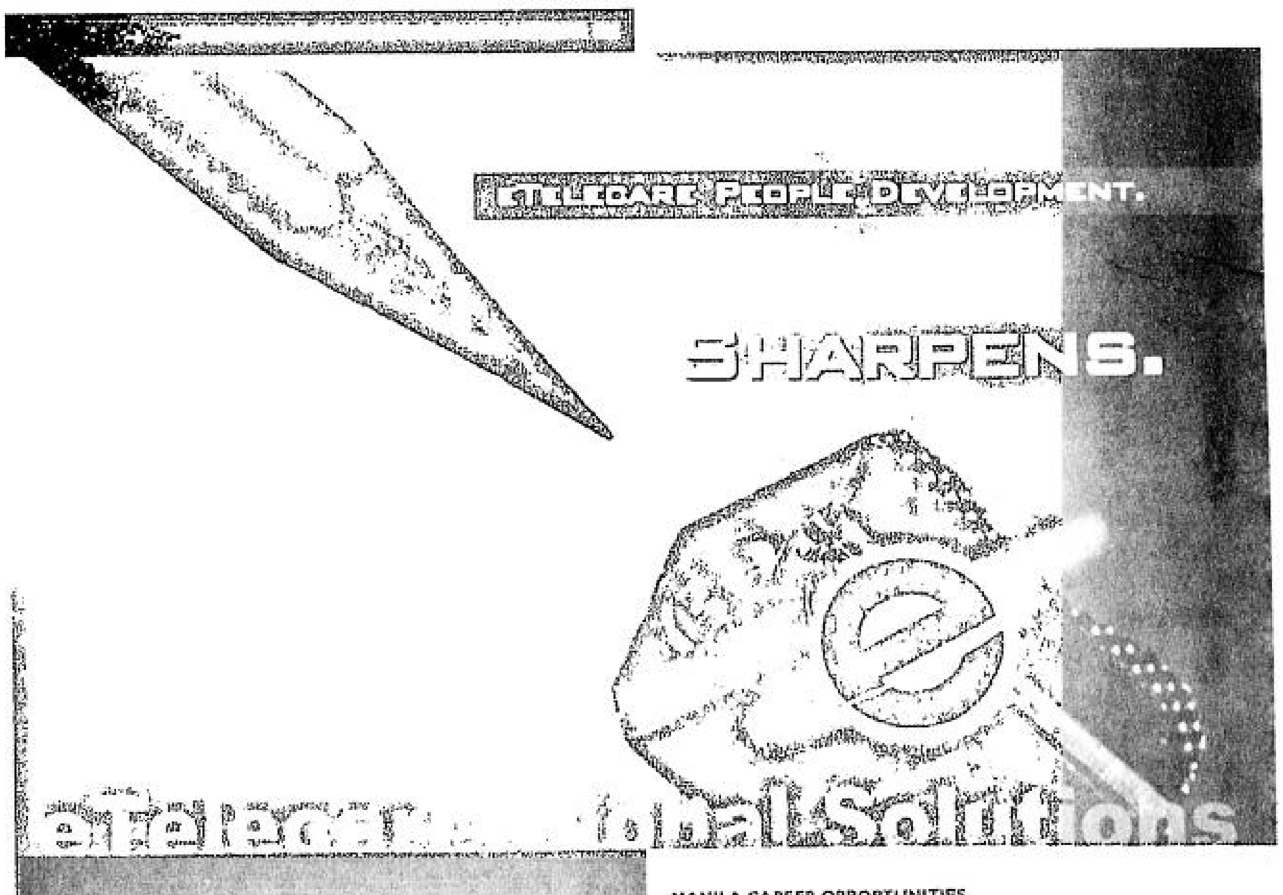

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Will be responsible for expanding channel of distribution and product positioning.
√ Graduate of any Business or Engineering course
√ With minimum 2 years experience in sales & marketing
√ Must have good communication and presentation skills
√ A car audio enthusiast is preferred
√ Male or Female, not more than 35 years old
√ Computer literate

TRADE SALES SPECIALIST
Will be responsible for expanding channel of distribution and product positioning.
√ Graduate of any Business or Engineering course
√ With minimum 2 years experience in sales & merchandising
√ Must have good communication and presentation skills
√ Male or Female, not more than 35 years old
√ Computer literate

SALES STAFF
Will be responsible in coordinating sales activities & related logistical/documentation requirements.
√ Graduate of any BS or Marketing course
√ Has good command of oral and written communication
√ Has background in customer service and telemarketing
√ Female, not more than 30 years old
√ Computer literate

ACCOUNTING STAFF
Will be resonsible for general accounting functions.
√ Graduate of BS Accountancy
√ With background in preparing financial statements and bank reconciliation
√ Familiar with other accounting functions like: accounts receivables & payables
√ Female, not more than 30 years old
√ Computer literate

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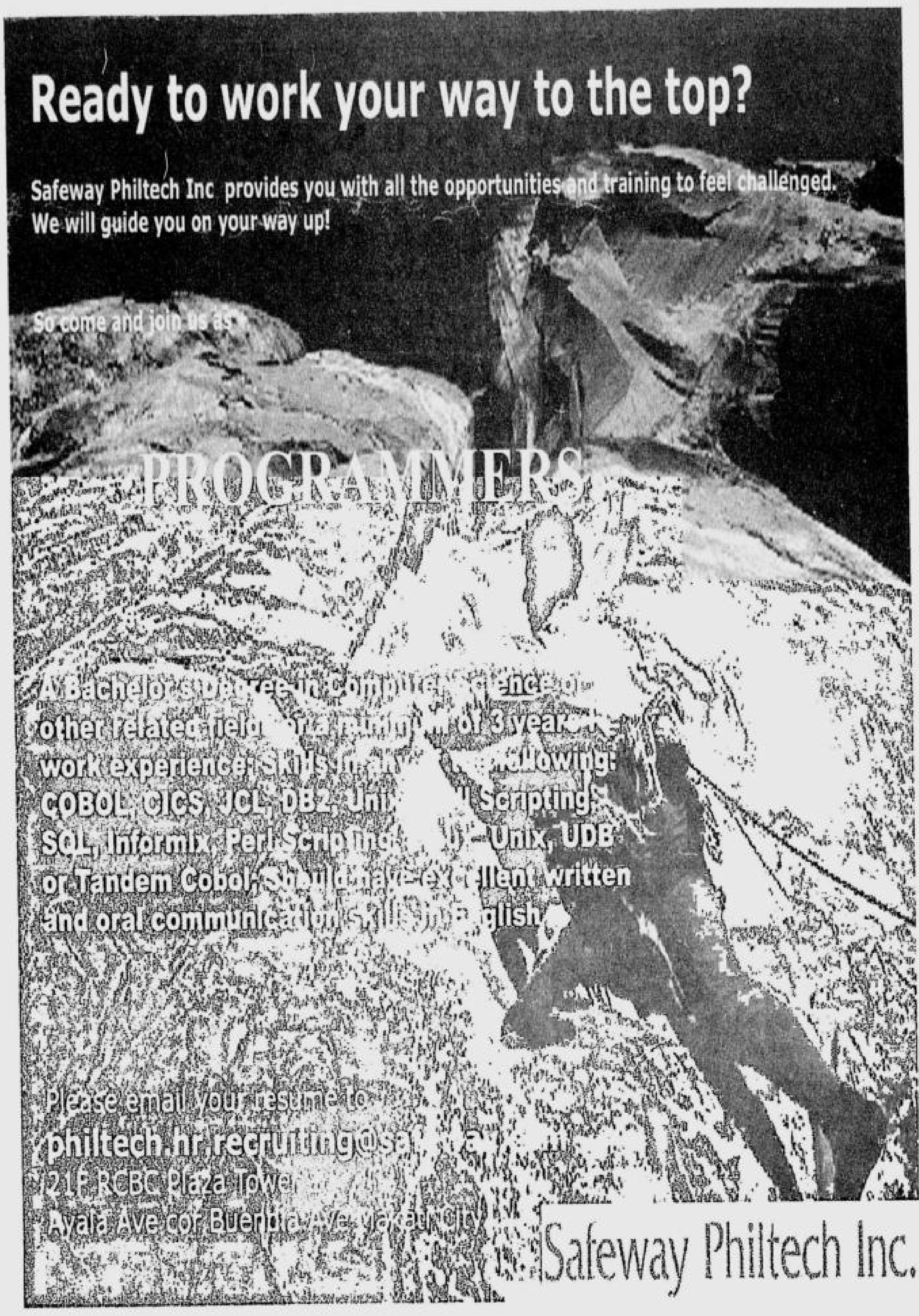

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Send letter of application, bio-data, copies of transcript of records, diploma, other credentials and photo to:

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- With or without experience

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- Computer Science or Business Course graduate

Interested applicants may send a letter of application, resumé with 2 – 2"x2" ID pictures, transcript of records, diploma, board rating, board certificate and PRC ID. Mailing Address: Central Luzon Doctors' Hospital, c/o Human Resources Management Department, Hospital Drive, San Vicente, Tarlac City 2300 or email to: cldh_eanm@yahoo.com

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HUAWEI

Huawei Technologies is a high-tech enterprise which specializes in research and development, production and marketing of communications equipment, providing customized network solutions in fixed, mobile, optical and data communications networks. Huawei's contracted sales in 2004 reached 5.58 billion USD. Huawei Data Communications offers a full range of datacomm products including total series router and LAN switch products for enterprise markets, as well as security firewall, wireless LAN and VoIP products. With self-developed software platform VRP and core ASIC chips, Huawei's data communication products have gained a strong competitive position in the market, providing customized end to end solutions with high quality customer service.

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- Marketing of enterprise networking product and solutions.
- Supporting all product promotion related activities.
- Taking part in developing and managing channel partners and establishing channel system.

Requirements:

- Bachelor degree or above in Communications, Electronic Engineering, Computer Science or related discipline.
- Minimum 3 years experience in related fields.
- Strong knowledge on networking products and solutions, including routers, switches, security, wireless and IP telephony, etc.
- Good planning and presentation skills.
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IT/Web Services Assistant

The Information Technology/Web Services Assistant is responsible for network administration and systems maintenance and assists the IT Manager in ensuring optimum usefulness, reliability and security of the IIRR's email and network systems. In addition to this, the post holder will be involved in technical functions related to website design, updating and monitoring utilization of the IIRR's websites and other IIRR-managed websites. He/she shall also contribute in the preparation of HQ-based public information materials including, but not limited to, the Annual Report and the IIRR Reports. The post, which reports to the Information Technology Manager, is part of the Headquarters team and is based in Silang, Cavite. The successful candidate should have the following: a degree in computer science or other related discipline; at least three (3) years experience in programming and network administration including set-up, maintenance and network troubleshooting; in-depth understanding of Windows 2000 Server, Unix, Linux, MS Exchange and/or POP3; experience in web design/web development using HTML, ASP or PHP, Java/Javascript, Content Management Systems and/or SQL; operating knowledge of desktop publishing and graphics design using Adobe Pagemaker, Adobe Photoshop or Corel Draw; effective written and oral communication skills in English; creative, resourceful and with strong sense of initiative; team player and ability to work productively with teams; and ability to work effectively in a multidisciplinary and multicultural work environment. Closing date for submission of application is on **August 15, 2005.**

Field Coordinator

The Field Coordinator will assist in planning, facilitating, coordinating and evaluating program and project-based activities at the community/field level in accordance with program or project plans and budgets. In coordination with other program staff, the post assists in ensuring multi-stakeholder participation in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of assigned program/project-based activities at the community level. Using participatory methods, tools and techniques, the post performs data collection and analysis for purposes of action research, monitoring, evaluation & learning, proposal development and program development. The post reports to the Director, Regional Center for Asia. The successful candidate should have the following: a degree in development management, sociology, agriculture or other related discipline; 2-3 years experience in planning, organizing community-based activities in the context of watershed/natural resource management framework; effective written and oral communication skills in English; knowledge of one or more local dialects a plus; good analytical skills; practical knowledge and skills in participatory methods and tools in planning, monitoring, evaluation and learning; knowledge or experience in action research methodologies; team player and ability to work productively with teams; computer literate. Closing date for submission of application is **August 5, 2005.**

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Qualified applicants should send a letter of interest, together with curriculum vitae; contact information and three letters of reference with address and contact numbers. Applicants for the China Program Coordinator should also send a sample of recent written works in English and Chinese. All applications should be sent to:

The Human Resources Office
International Institute of Rural Reconstruction
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SALES STAFF

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- With pleasing personality, at least 5'4" in height

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Branch Manager

(For Cagayan de Oro)

- ✓ Between 30-40 years old
- ✓ Graduate of any Business related course
- ✓ With at least 2 yrs. Marketing experience and solid background in assets and liabilities
- ✓ With sufficient knowledge of branch operations

Marketing Officer
Asset & Liabilities

(For Metro Manila, Cebu-Osmeña & Iloilo)

- ✓ Between 25 - 35 years old
- ✓ Graduate of any Business related course
- ✓ With strong marketing background preferably in Banking or related fields
- ✓ Familiar with solicitation of deposit and auto loan accounts

CSA (Teller/New Accounts)

(For Metro Manila & Provincial)

- ✓ Between 20 – 25 years old
- ✓ Graduate of any Business related course
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Applicants for the above positions must be:

- *Flexible*
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- *With good oral & written comm. skills*
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Marketing Head

- ✓ With solid track record marketing for mass-based audience.
- ✓ Must have strong strategic as well as tactical skills in marketing
- ✓ Must possess solid background in sales, advertising, corporate communications
- ✓ Highly creative, dynamic, flexible, a team player
- ✓ Able to spearhead / assist in product development
- ✓ Qualified individuals from industries with a mass-based market are encourages to apply
- ✓ Rank will be commensurate w/ experience

Sales & Service Officer

(For Mandaue-Cebu)

- ✓ Between 25 - 30 years old
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(For Metro Manila & Provincial Commercial/Consumer Lending)

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- ✓ Graduate of any Business related course
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Credit Evaluator

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- ✓ Must be highly analytical

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(For Northern Luzon)

- ✓ Male; Between 25-35 years old
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(For Metro Manila)

- ✓ Graduate of any Business related course
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- ✓ Must be able to manage a team of account officers handling specific accounts or loan portfolios.
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- ✓ Between 22 - 30 years old
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- ✓ Must be highly analytical

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Description of Responsibilities

Under the overall direction and guidance of the Project Officer, for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, the consultant is expected to conduct a thorough review, analysis and assessment of the existing research literature and data on the social impact of remittances on the realization of the rights of children; interview key informants, networks of policy practitioners dealing with remittances. The consultant is expected to (i) define some key issues in the remittance policy discussion (ii) provide valuable insights for a road-map for future UNICEF country office work in the area of remittances, and (iii) provide insights and policy guidance pointers on how to improve the use of remittances for the benefit of children and women.

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- Experienced researcher in the field of remittances, an advantage.
- Previous experience in government policy making areas and familiarity with multi-lateral banks, civil society/NGO/community work.
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- With good communication & presentation skills
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- Knowledgeable with electronic components, and interpreting schematics
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Electrical Design Engineers

Graduate of Engineering or other related course with relevant work experience. Can perform Engineering design and calculations. Good understanding of Electrical drawings (e.g. One-line diagram, Schematic diagram, Plan drawings, etc.). Can function as Electrical Supervisor in a project. Familiar with Electrical Engineering specifications, American & European Codes and Standards. Can perform checking of Electrical deliverables. Able to perform estimates and material take-off. Knowledge of AutoCAD R13/14 or MicroStation. Computer literate (able to operate MS Excel, MS Word, and MS Access).

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Structural Designers

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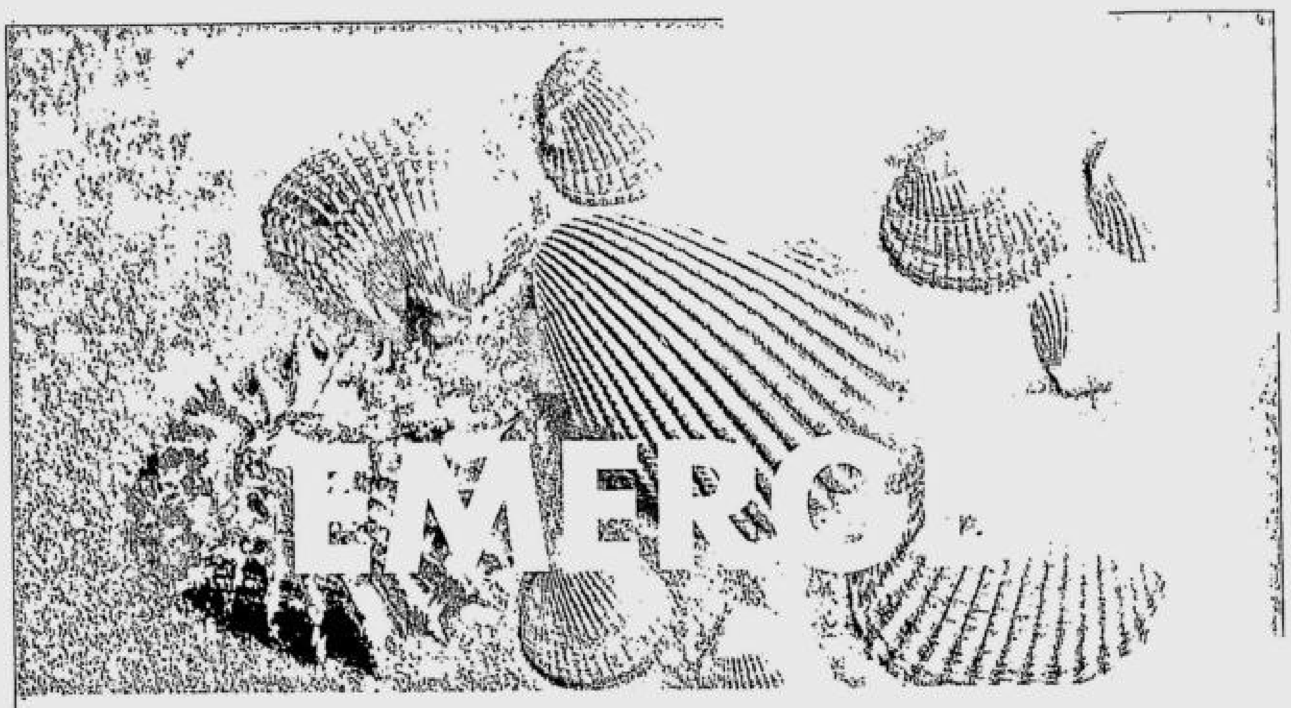

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Mail LEAD Project Human Resources Manager
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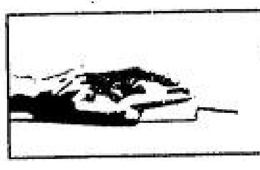

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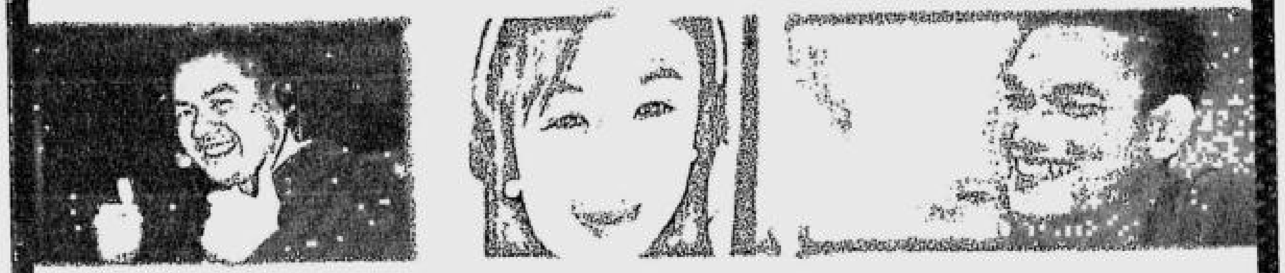

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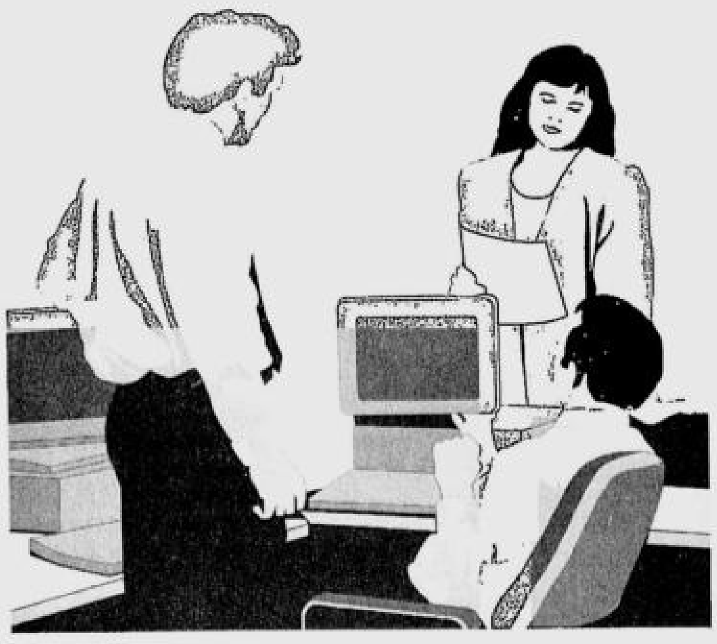

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Career planning starts with self-assessment

By Teena Rose
Resume to Referral

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ONE of the biggest mistakes that individuals make with their careers is to go aimlessly through school or work in an entry level position with no clear direction or goals. They wait until the homestretch—graduation, layoff, or departure—before taking a stab at other opportunities. Finding a well-paying job or locating opportunities for advancement shouldn't be treated as an afterthought, rather one that has been planned and prepared for months or years.

Like a race

Preparation, preparation and more preparation! Imagine signing up for a marathon and waiting until the day prior to begin preparing for the race. Obviously, you're not ready because of lack of training, you didn't seek the assistance of a coach or mentor, and you didn't assess the resources you would need on the day of the race. Without proper preparation, what are your chances of completing the race?

Like any serious step you'll take in life, you must first determine the number of baby steps needed to get from one spot to the next. In other words, where are you headed and how will you get there? Outline every obstacle or challenge that will hinder your progress of taking these steps. Each small step (short-term goal) will take you closer to satisfying the big steps, known as long-term career goals.

First, take a good look at the types of positions you've held to date along with your college major. Ask yourself, do I like where I'm at and where do I see myself in five years? Don't be ashamed if you're not sure. Visit your favorite job bank, type in keywords for your intended career field, and examine those positions to determine if any meet your satisfaction.

Vision in five years

Second, write down job and career goals (preferably six months before graduating or the start of your intended job search). Job goals pertain to the position you currently hold now, whereas, career goals are the "big picture" (e.g. career change in less than two years or targeting a six-figure salary). Research two or three positions that you would love to obtain today along with those you're striving for in a couple of years.

Prepare credentials

Third, prepare yourself, your credentials, and your resumé based on your predetermined career opportunities and goals. Prepare to go back to college, join business groups, serve on committees, or alter your resuméto encompass all (or any) of these.

In a career journal, make notations of the positions that interest you along with the skills required for each. Add other entries pertaining to outstanding credentials, and miscellaneous obstacles in the order that'll need to be completed, with resolutions and proposed dates of completion.

Navigating the future

The object is to not stand still. Navigate your future by performing a self-assessment that will get you from A to Z in your career. Jay Block says it best in his book, "The End of the Job Search, Mastering the Art of Career Design," "Defining your career aspirations is an essential step in the process of transforming abstract thoughts into tangible realities. Everything ever accomplished by man or woman first started as a thought." I challenge you to assess yourself and create a master plan. After all, it's only your career!

(Rose is a certified and published resumé writer and author of "20-Minute Cover Letter Fixer" and "Cracking the Code to Pharmaceutical Sales" available at Career Epublications.com.)

Top 10 tips for dealing with problem behavior at work

By Megan Tough

I PERSONALLY struggle with the term "managing people," because I firmly believe that people cannot be managed—only processes and systems can. How many times have you heard it said, "Why won't my employees just do as they are asked?"

Despite all our best efforts at "managing," we have very little control over other people's actions, including the people that work with or for us. We can inspire, motivate, guide or threaten them, but the choice to act in a certain way is up to the individual.

Today's workplaces are complex environments—it is a rare occasion when all employees get on together and work enthusiastically and constructively to achieve the goals of the business. Problem behavior on the part of employees can erupt for a variety of reasons.

Historical root

Here are 10 tips for dealing with it.

1. Recognize that problem behavior usually has a history. It usually develops over time and seldom from a single incident. As a manager, it is your responsibility to be alert to the early warning signs and deal with the underlying causes before the situation reaches a crisis.

2. Ask yourself, "Am I partly or wholly responsible?" If the problem is in your team, then you are at least partly responsible for it. Perhaps you were blind to the signs the individual was undoubtedly leaving you, or you chose to ignore them and hope they would go away. Perhaps you hadn't been managing that individual's performance on a regular basis, and so missed an opportunity to discover the problem earlier. Whatever the reason, responsibility lies with you in some part.

You would be surprised how frequently it is the manager who has created, or at least contributed, to problems of employee behavior. Having an abrasive style, being unwilling to listen, and being inattentive to the nuances of employee behavior are all factors that contribute to the manager's need to thoroughly examine what is going on.

What lies beneath

3. Don't focus only on the overt behavior. When confronted by an angry or upset employee, it's easy to attack the person and target their behavior rather than examine the factors that underlie the behavior. Often, this takes patience, careful probing, and a willingness to forego judgment until you really understand the situation.

4. Be attentive to the "awkward silence" and to what is not said. When an employee is obviously reluctant to communicate, it's almost a sure sign that more lurks beneath the surface. Often, employees will hold back because they feel unsafe. They may test the waters by airing a less severe or kindred issue in order to see what kind of a response they get. In order to get the full story and encourage forthrightness, the manager has to read between the lines and offer the concern and support necessary to get the employee to open up.

Clearing issues

5. Clarify before your confront. Chances are, when an issue first surfaces, you will be given only a fragmentary and partial picture of the problem. You may have to dig deep to surface important facts, and talk to others who may be involved. One safe assumption is that each person will tend to present the case from his or her viewpoint, which may or may not be the way it really is. Discretion and careful fact-finding are often required to get a true picture.

6. Be willing to explore the possibility that you have contributed to the problem. This isn't easy, even if you have reason to believe it's so, because you may not be fully aware of what you have done to fuel the fire. Three helpful questions to ask yourself:

- Is this problem unique, or does it have a familiar ring as having happened before?
- Are others in my organization exhibiting similar behaviors?, and finally,
- Am I partially the cause of the behavior I am criticizing in others?

Once you understand how you have contributed, you can decide to take action yourself to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Planning moves

7. Plan your strategy. Start by defining, for yourself, what changes you would like to see take place, then, follow this sequence:

- Meet with the person and let them know that there is a problem.
- State the problem as you understand it and explain why it is important that it be resolved.
- Gain agreement that you've defined the problem correctly, and that the employee understands that it must be solved.
- Ask for solutions, using open-ended questions such as: "What are you willing to do to correct this problem?" In some cases, you may have to make it clear what you expect.
- Get a dedication that the employee will take the required actions.
- Set deadlines for finishing the actions. In the case of a repeated problem, you may want

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The good seed

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

IN MY efforts to do my best in the work of pastoral leadership among the faithful, some negative elements have sometimes come up to destroy the work and/or the desire and willingness to work. These destructive factors come from either within me, such as inexplicable mood swings and temper tantrums, frustrations and other weaknesses; from complicated work-related circumstances; or even from difficult relationships with colleagues. Conflicts and even evil situations standing side by side with our best efforts and noble motivations are a reality in work, which we must humbly accept and courageously overcome.

In the workplace, both the "good seed"—honest, industrious, well-motivated, and faithful workers—stand along side with the "weeds"—those who willfully or unwillfully cause trouble, or destroy the efficient growth of the company or business. Workers who consider themselves as "children of the kingdom," that is, believing in Jesus, and accepting and practicing His teachings, will make their work and the workplace a life-giving and fruitful field for themselves, their families and for society in general.

Their efforts to work as Jesus would—working with sacrifice, commitment, and above all, love—cannot but show to others that the goodness and providence of God are real and concrete; that the good is more powerful than evil. The hope of the triumph of good over evil strengthens the desire to work better and persevere in the efforts of doing their best in their jobs. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

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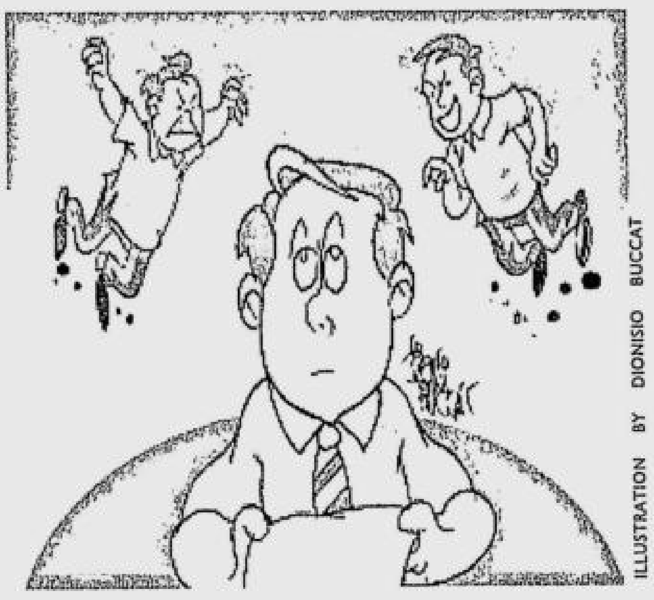

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil."

'Anak ng tatay'

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

READING today's Gospel curiously reminds me of a Tagalog expression—"*Anak ka ng tatay mo ah!*"—which is used to convey amusement, disappointment or annoyance over someone, depending on the tone in which it is uttered. Maybe because the Gospel mentions "children of the kingdom" and "children of the evil one," my now feisty imagination nudges me to do a roll call of memorable coworkers I've had through the years, and as they come to mind, I chuckle as I try to figure out who their *tatay* is—the kingdom or the evil one. I find out that only time and experience may correctly guide one to differentiate the good seeds from the bad weeds—not first impressions, not glowing resumés, not approval or disapproval of others.

Our workplaces give us nonstop human interaction daily from punch-in to punch-out. Challenges and trials abound at work, pitching us against one another, refining us and leading us to greater knowledge of self and others. How we respond to these challenges and trials tells the world the person we are inside; likewise, our work performance shows the character and color of our motives. Everything comes from within; every fruit comes from the root. By the fruit of our work, others get to know where we're coming from. Whether our efforts produce constructive and life-giving results, or the opposite, we cannot escape being judged as good seed or weed. Because, simply, "*Anak ka ng tatay mo eh!*" (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)

What a difference good work ...

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"*At sa pagmamanicure, natustusan ko ang huling taon ko sa high school.*" (I was able to pull myself through high school by cleaning other girls's fingernails.)

But going to college was another story altogether. Her father would not hear of it. "*Kasi, baka hindi naman daw ako makakuha ng trabaho dahil nga sa kapansanan ko.*" (My father dissuaded me from pursuing college because I might end up jobless just the same due to my disability.)

Good breaks

Unfazed, Catarina applied for work at Goodwill after graduating from high school in 1995. She was hired as an operator in the Timex Department. But college became harder to reach. She had to help provide support the family and the medicine for her diabetic mother. Five years later, she got promoted to do quality control at Timex. After a year, she was transferred to the Lear Department as quality auditor. "I learned everything on the job," she says.

College scholarships are part of her prizes as 2005 Tower awardee so that today, she hopes to avail of a distance learning course. "My dream to earn a college degree remains, even thought I'm already 30." She wants to take up Industrial Engineering." I already know a little about manufacturing. Maybe, I can make use of my experience to make school work a bit easier."

Everything now looks brighter for Catarina and her family to whom she dedicates her trophy. She also would like to share her success to her fellow PWDs. Says she: "They should not consider their disability as a hindrance. They have the freedom to pursue their lives. They can do anything if they'd try their best. They should love their work, and surely obtain just rewards from it."

Catarina knows how to become successful at work. Take her word for it, and make a difference yourself.

Top 10 tips for dealing with problem ...

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to advise the employee of the consequences of failing to take corrective action.

- Follow up on the deadlines you've set.

8. Treat the employee as an adult and expect adult behavior. To some extent, expectation defines the result. If you treat the employee as a naughty child, then you should expect a naughty child to respond. If you indicate—by your actions or by the content or tone of your voice—that you expect adult behavior, then that's what you're likely to get.

Interpersonal conflicts

9. Treat interpersonal conflicts differently. If the problem behavior stems from a personality conflict between two employees, have each one answer these questions:

- How would you describe the other person?
- How does he or she make you feel?
- Why do you feel that the other person behaves the way he/she does?
- What might you be able to do to alleviate the situation?
- What would you like the other person to do in return?

10. Gain agreement on the steps to be taken and results expected. A problem is not really "fixed" until it stays fixed. Everyone involved must agree that the steps taken (or proposed) will substantially alleviate the problem. This includes you as manager, and the steps you personally will take to ensure you are not contributing to similar problem in the future.

Finally, agree how you will both monitor the issue. What needs to take place for you both to be satisfied that the issue has been completely resolved? Write this down and use it as your measure of success.

(Megan Tough, leadership and business coach, works with executives, managers and business owners to develop their skills as leaders and effectiveness as business people. To learn more, visit www.megantough.com.*)*

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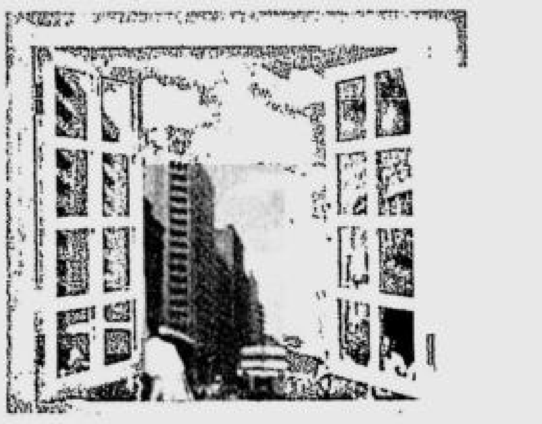

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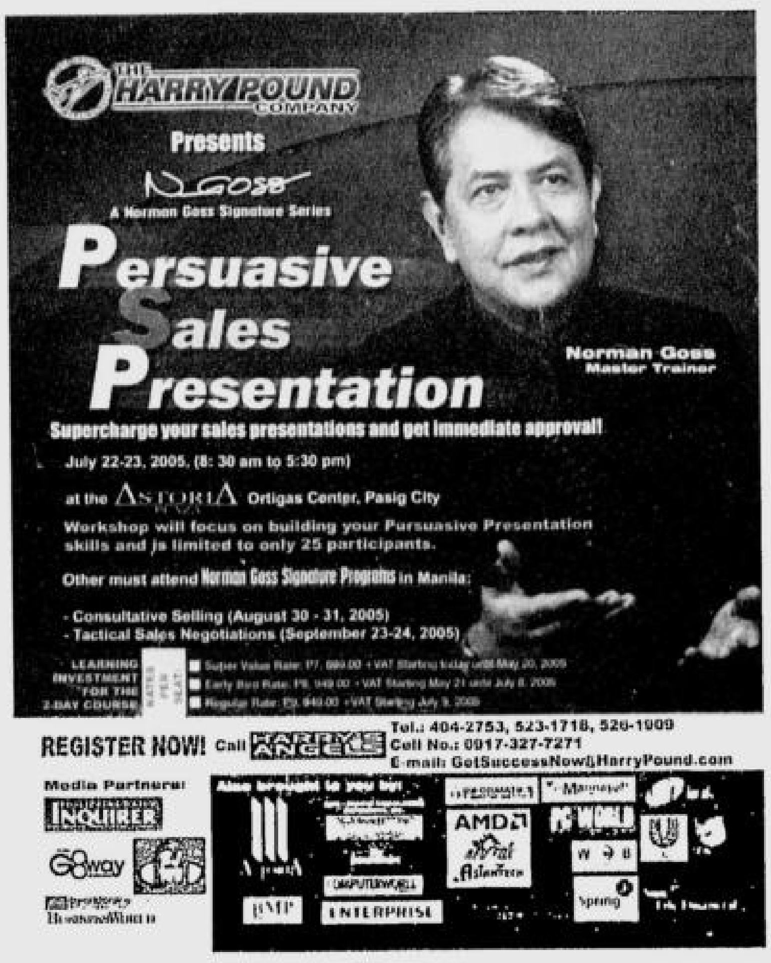

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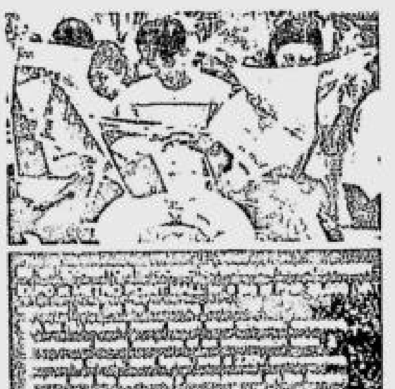

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'I'm afraid to commit mistakes'

By Ernie O. Cecilia, FPM

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

I AM very thorough and careful in my work. I hardly commit mistakes at all while working. I always do what my bosses tell me to do.

However, a newcomer from outside the organization replaced my boss last year and gave me low grades in my performance appraisal. She rated me low in innovation and initiative.

Frankly, I disagreed with her ratings, but when she asked me why, I could not think of situations when I took the initiative and was innovative in my job. I realized that I hardly try new ways of doing my work. Well, I remember having taken initiative once, but I made a mistake and got blamed by my boss and colleagues. After some soul searching, I realize that the root cause of my problem is that I'm afraid to commit mistakes.

Can you please give me some pointers on how to overcome my fear of committing mistakes?

Careful and Thorough

There are a number of ways to look at your predicament. Some people are really good at doing what they are told to do—and nothing more. There are organizations and jobs that call for "faithfulness" to one's job description. There are managers who want nothing more from their subordinates than what they tell them to do. Your former boss must be one such manager. Your new boss seems to expect more initiative from you.

One option is to look for other jobs or organizations that need you to do exactly what you are told to do. There might still be a few jobs or organizations that demand this kind of careful and thorough employees. Try to look for highly structured, highly routine work environment. Try to look for a manager with more traditional views about how work must be done. However, this "safe" outlook about work can limit your career opportunities in the new workplace. Moreover, with the onset of globalization, jobs have also become more borderless. Managers demand more innovation and initiative of their employees, mainly because customers demand these of organizations.

Begin by asking yourself some honest questions. "Am I in the right job, working for the right manager in the right organization?" You might consider looking for a work environment that best supports who you are as a person. Remember that a supportive environment can best bring out your skills and potential.

Reinvent yourself

Your other option is to "reinvent" yourself, stop playing it safe, and be a "take charge" person. This is the harder part, and it takes some doing.

Sometimes, when you are so comfortable with where you are and what you are doing, you might tend to miss out on better opportunities. In truth, opportunities abound for those who dare keep an open mind. You have more potential than you can see now.

First, start going out of your shell. Your present association, the people you go with, and the books you read, will determine your future. Chose to be a better professional, envision yourself doing much more than you are doing now. Learn new skills and go with people who can help you become the person you want to be.

Beyond the job

Take a close look at your job. Don't just do what you are told to do. The key to success in any kind of job is to do what needs to be done, not just what you are told to do. You are in the best position to know what results are expected of you and how to achieve those results.

To achieve best results, you need to anticipate the changing environment, ever increasing customer demands, and the appropriate resources at your disposal. It is not safe to believe that the solutions of yesterday will still solve the problems of today. You must, therefore, be innovative and creative, knowing that there are always better ways of doing things.

Working for yourself

Ultimately, you are working for yourself, no matter who gives you your paycheck. Your boss might tell you what to do and evaluate your performance. But, in truth, you still determine how best you will work, as you paddle your own canoe. Others can suggest ideas for you, but you are the final determinant of what ideas will work for you.

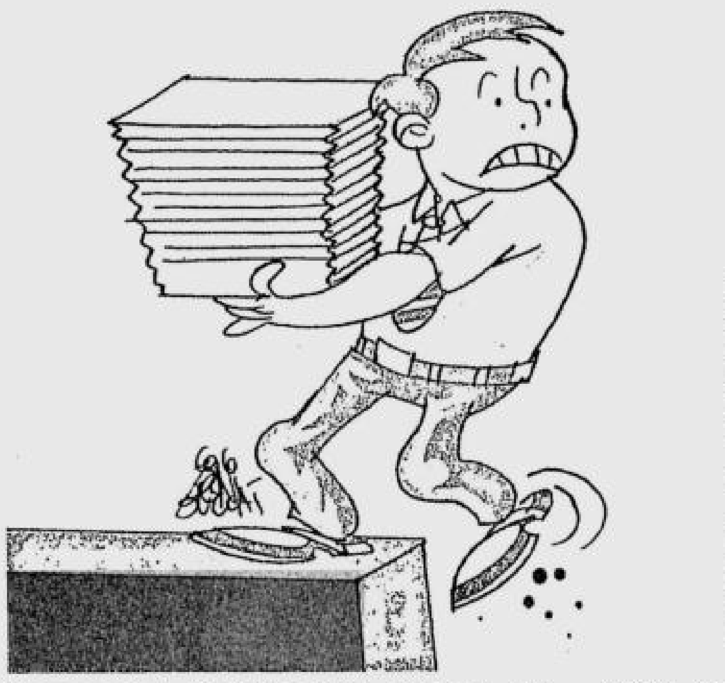
Try to take this new mindset—you are selling yourself or your services to your employer. That is your business and you have to think and act like a businessman. You need to determine how you can get the best profit from selling your services. Of course, your customer (the company) will demand the best products (your services). Realize that it is in your interest to improve your product constantly. Realize also you have competition— other co-employees or outside entities who can do your job better.

If you truly want to succeed at work, take charge and be responsible for yourself. In the end, you work for yourself and you determine how best you can succeed.

Generate ideas

Learn to generate more ideas at work. Don't be afraid that others will find your ideas silly or useless. Don't be afraid to commit mistakes, as long as your intentions are good and the mistakes are not crippling. Discuss your ideas with your boss and colleagues. Sell them your ideas, make them sponsor or own your ideas. In the end, we get more things done when we don't care who gets the credit.

Ideas are nothing unless you put them into action. Start with more simple, doable ideas and have the determination to act. Savor the feeling of success as you try implementing your ideas. Then, try increasingly complex ideas until you get into the habit of trying new ideas.



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Fear of mistakes

Fear of committing mistakes can prevent you from trying new ideas—and success. Fortunately, most fears are unfounded and untrue. In the end, your greatest fear is fear itself.

Of course, there is risk involved in trying new ideas. But, you can reduce the risk when you discuss your ideas and get your organization to support you. When many people believe in an idea, no matter how silly or ridiculous it is, there will be greater support as that idea is being transformed into a reality.

Often, the risk you take in trying new ideas is not as great as the risk in not taking chances at all to try things that have never been done before. There is also the risk of being among the millions who just wait for things to happen—the risk of being average or even mediocre. When you let fear and its attendant risks immobilize you, you lose the chance of realizing your potential, the chance of becoming what you always wanted to be.

Most successful people have tried and failed. Edison had 1,093 inventions, but he failed miserably thousands of times in making an invention. Every time he failed, he learned that it was not the right way towards what he wanted to invent. It is all right to commit mistakes, provided you learn from mistakes and move toward the right way, the better way.

When you are immobilized by fear, you will not be able to achieve what could be your defining moment. In whatever you do, be on fire about what you want out of your life and make that fire difficult to put out. That fire will help you get whatever you go after—small or big dreams.

Tips

Whenever you think fear of mistakes is preventing you from achieving success, try the following tips:

1. Stop talking like a "loser." Losers get despondent; winners get direction. Talk to yourself about how much you want to succeed. Set new and higher goals.

2. Don't get mired in personal misery. Psyche yourself up. See your present situation as something you want out of. Don't wallow in misery.

3. Break down or breakthrough. You can either get scared or run away. Instead, break away from your past patterns and behavior. Do something different.

4. Turn barriers into bridges. Build on past mistakes to get things done right this time. Control your fear and get pumped up with energy to surge and succeed.

5. Don't stop until you win over your fear. You are bigger than your fear—don't allow fear to get the better of you. Keep going until you succeed.

Mark Twain has apt advice for those who fear to commit mistakes, "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

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What a difference good work makes

By Litz Lorena

UNSUNG HEROES AT WORK

A JOB can be a delight or drudgery, but either way, it is the worker who makes it so.

Elgen A. Catarina, most outstanding of this year's "Ten Outstanding Workers of the Republic" (Tower), thinks so, too. "Work is also a big responsibility," she adds.

A cut above the rest

Worker Catarina makes a difference. A polio victim since she was a baby, she cannot walk without the aid of a crutch but she stands above the throng. She works hard, submit excellent performance and does her employer proud. This attitude has brought about rewards—as well as awards—to the petite 30 year-old quality auditor in an automotive services firm.

Last year, she was given recognition as an "Empowered Woman," along with former President Corazon C. Aquino and other prominent women achievers. This year, she led the Tower awar dees presented by the Rotary Club of Manila and Metrobank Foundation in ceremonies at the Makati Shangri-La, May 12.

What makes her a cut above the rest is the fact that she handles a very sensitive task that could either build up or wreak a company's reputation. And she is armed with nothing much save for a high school diploma, on-the-job training, and her capacity to learn fast.

Critical task

Catarina works with the Goodwill Industries of Cebu, Inc., a subcontractor for Timex and Lear, based in the MEPZ. Assigned in the Lear Department, her main task is to inspect every set of newly assembled harness and make sure the product passes quality standards. (A harness is an assembly of wiring used in automobiles.) She's meticulous about this.

"My work is critical, because even a slight mistake that I'd fail to detect in the harness might eventually cause a mishap to the car owner," she says.

Like many people who come from a hard-up family—and with a disability, too—Catarina is actually shy by nature. She speaks in a soft voice that easily breaks up each time she talks about their hard times.

She is the third of eight children. Polio struck her down at age one-and-a-half. She was able to walk only at age 10, when she was already in Grade IV of elementary school. Before that, her father or mother had to carry her piggyback to school everyday. "*Para akong* backpack *noon.* (I was like a backpack.)," she says.

Against all odds

Hardship did not dampen her resolve to make good in school and in her other endeavors to help her family.

Her father worked as *mangiihaw* then at Virginia Foods in Cebu; her mother was usually pregnant but had to vend native cakes in the morning and tend a sidewalk barbecue stand in Carbon (Cebu's market site) till evening. The children had to wait for her to come home from vending before they could have rice to cook for the family's meal. "*Grabeng hirap,*" she says. "*Hindi namin naranasan ang maluwag na pamumuhay.*" (We were so hard-up. We had never known a life of ease.)

CATARINA

Because her parents barely finished gradeschool, they wanted their children to get good education, so they'd find permanent jobs. "*Dahil wala silang natapos na grado, gusto nilang kami ay makatapos ng pag-aaral at magkaroon ng regular na trabaho,*" she says.

Determined to study

But fate is harsh at times. Catarina was in fourth year high school when her mother suffered a stroke and has since been a paralytic. The family was devastated. Her father told Catarina to quit high school while her two elder siblings were still in college.

She rued her misfortune, but understood her father's dilemma perfectly. Determined to finish high school, she thought of a way to support herself and convinced her father about it. She provided manicure service to the girls in their neighborhood.

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How did readers respond to Working But Unhappy's e-mail?

WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner

DEAR Readers: I've never received an avalanche of e-mail like I did for the column featuring Working But Unhappy's e-mail. I didn't fully appreciate the anger present in our cubicles and factories. I've included a representative sample of responses below.

"The problem with Working but Unhappy is he's got the impression that he is part of the organization rather than an employee of the organization. Doesn't he have overwhelming evidence that he could be replaced tomorrow?"

"I absolutely agree with Working But Unhappy. But I keep wondering who in my company wrote it?"

"I thought it was just me."

"So many of my coworkers were being prescribed antidepressants and anti-anxiety medications that the health care staff jokingly referred to us as the 'Pail Palace.' "

"We are fascinated by 'Survivor' and 'The Apprentice,' which showcase the winner-take-all aspects of a highly competitive culture. While Americans can rightly take pride in their national and individual achievements, we also need to realize the resulting polarization of wealth is transforming us."

"In America, we view life as one long road without any side paths. Accordingly, our society finds it odd to see people step back to ultimately step forward in their careers. Why suffer? You can choose to change your life."

"I see our society breaking down all for the chase of the almighty dollar."

"No one is safe. Very few companies are loyal to their employees, so why should employees feel loyal in return? Stress on employees grows daily. Feedback about doing a good job is almost nonexistent."

"It's really galling to hear an endless succession of moronic 'leaders' talk about how you should have passion for your job."

"Working But Unhappy is telling the truth, pity the employers of America aren't listening."

"The growing trend of undermanagement will have devastating effects on companies."

"After nearly two years of working with no holidays, I took some time off after a project was done. My first day back, I was given a pink slip."

"Working But Unhappy is scared to put a value on what he does and then stand up to demand compensation for that value."

"Working But Unhappy is definitely part of a growing trend. I am a 'perma-temp' now thanks to Bush's economic policies."

"I have been on my current job for seven years and I've trained everyone in my office. I am a diligent working person and get great reviews and evaltuations but never a promotion."

"I hope when the job market improves that employers get a taste of their own medicine."

"Recently, I watched the movie "Flash Gordon" with my son. In the movie, Ming the Merciless tries to convince Flash to join him and conquer the earth. The dialogue below also describes what is taking place at work today.

Ming: 'They won't be the same human race that you remember, they're more tractable.'

Flash: 'You mean they'll be slaves.'

Ming: 'Let's just say they'll be satisfied with less.'"

"So kids, is that executive washroom key really worth your soul?"

Here are the results from a recent workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com online ballot: Which movie title describes your feelings about work today?

—City of Hope, 9 percent
—Coma, 22 percent
—Cape Fear, 23 percent
—Catch 22, 45 percent

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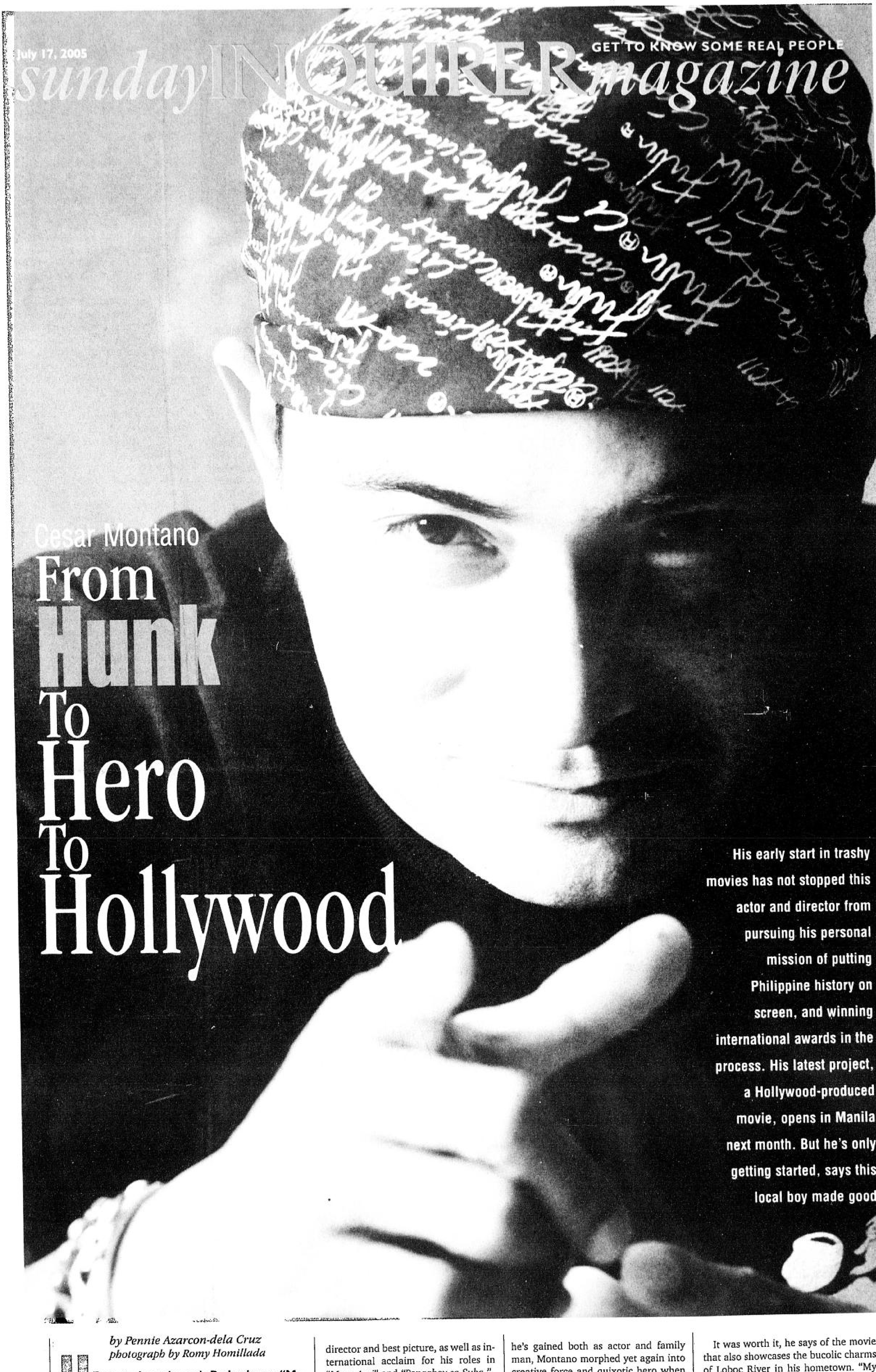

Cesar Montano

From Hunk To Hero To Hollywood

His early start in trashy movies has not stopped this actor and director from pursuing his personal mission of putting Philippine history on screen, and winning international awards in the process. His latest project, a Hollywood-produced movie, opens in Manila next month. But he's only getting started, says this local boy made good

by Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz
photograph by Romy Homillada

HE started out in such B classics as "Machete," "Antipolo Massacre," "Waway" and "*Markadong* Hudas," this action star who did his own stunts and had no qualms about baring his packed 5' 8" frame.

But unlike other hunks who slithered back from whence they came when fresh new bods crowded them off centerstage, Cesar Montano went on to collect six best actor awards, several more for best director and best picture, as well as international acclaim for his roles in "*Muro Ami*" and "*Panaghoy sa Suba.*"

And despite the smoldering good looks that, movie scribes insist, has him chasing anyone in a skirt, the guy has settled into domestic bliss—give or take a few fireworks—with one of local showbiz's sexiest stars, Sunshine Cruz. The couple is expecting their third child in a few months.

Not content with the respectability he's gained both as actor and family man, Montano morphed yet again into creative force and quixotic hero when he attempted single-handedly to revive the moribund Visayan movie industry by producing, directing, and starring in "*Panaghoy.*" The high-risk period film nixed Tagalog in favor of Bohol's regional dialect and used lesser-known actors. The venture cost its producer P25 million, of which P14 million has slowly trickled in.

It was worth it, he says of the movie that also showcases the bucolic charms of Loboc River in his hometown. "My goal was international release for the movie so Filipinos will gain some measure of respect abroad instead of being known just for jueteng and corruption. I want to do something that people will remember me by. What if I'm gone by tomorrow? So my approach is, how can I help the industry? How do you fire up

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other producers? The approach shouldn't always be commercial."

Despite the noble intentions, Montano bristles at suggestions that he's a latent messiah of the local movie industry. "I also want to earn money from my movies, but tell me this: Why is it that despite the commercial approach of most producers, *bagsak pa rin tayo* (we're still in the dumps)? I'm just trying to be different," he says. "I'm not trying to be a messiah."

What Cesar Manhilot is, from all indications, is a local boy made good, the snot-nosed street-smart Sta. Ana urchin who snatched every opportunity that came his way and built on it. "My father used to call me dead-end kid," recalls this fifth in a brood of seven born to a lawyer and his 7th Day Adventist wife. Discipline, Montano says, was the hallmark of his childhood. "My father was a disciplinarian. Nothing was ever given us on a silver platter. He believed in making life difficult for us as children, so we'd find life easy when we grew up." If he needed 50 centavos, his father gave him 25 centavos and he had to make do with that. From his mother's lips spouted the word of God, "which I didn't think was important then. But it gave me a sense of righteousness that I found very useful as an adult," says Montano. Despite the religious prohibitions *("bawal ang baboy, bawal ang sine,")*, the young boy grew up lapping up Tagalog movies, his early favorites being Vic Silayan and Dolphy.

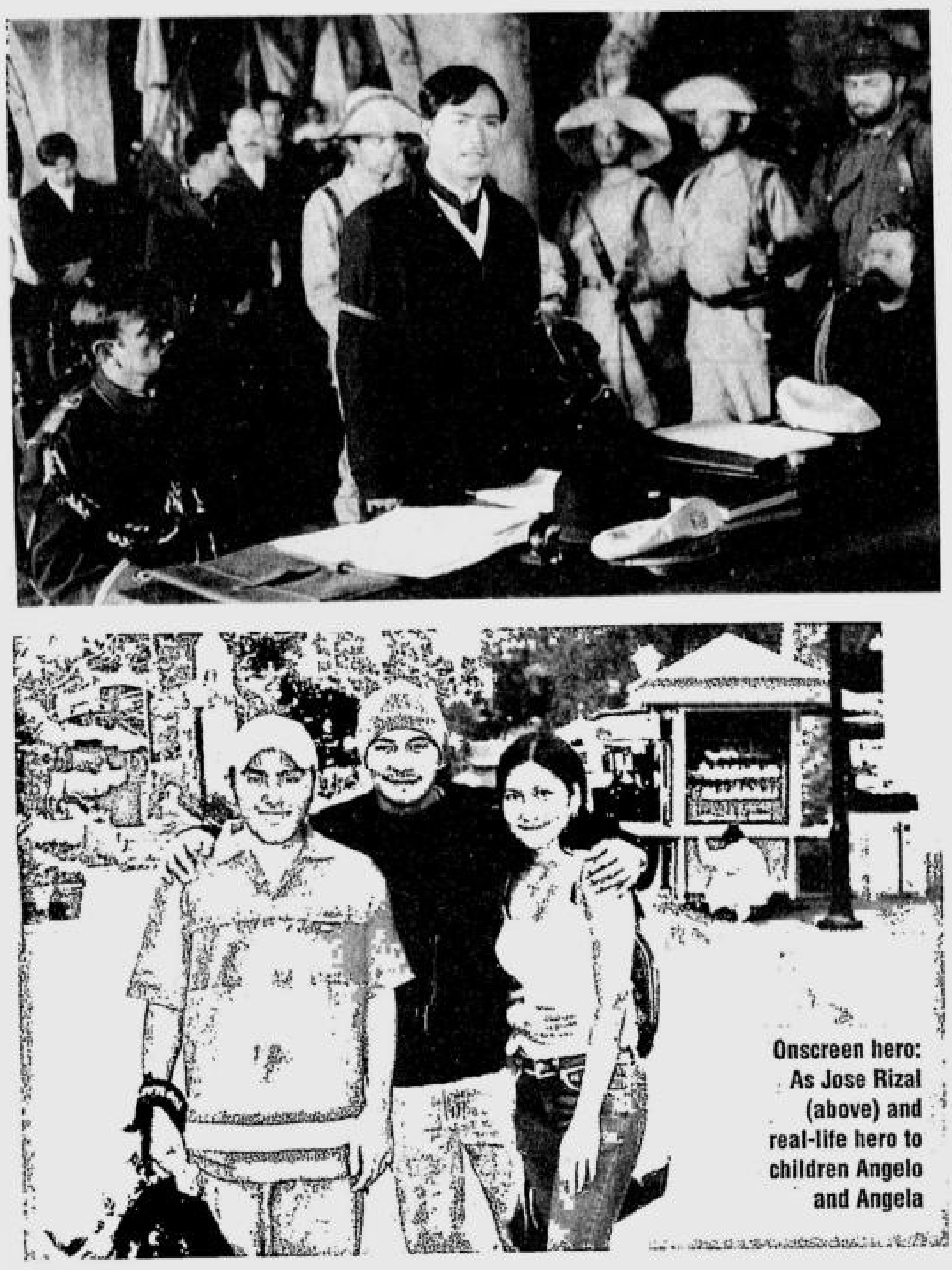
Ragamuffin

He was a certified *"pasaway,"* a regular ragamuffin, he confesses. "I'd play out in the streets for three, four hours at a time and come home reeking of sweat, the grimy kid brother who was an embarrassment to his older sisters." He reprises those carefree days by holding regular basketball leagues in Sta. Ana during its May 12 fiesta, says Montano.

An average student who finished engineering at the Lyceum, he was, however, an ace at drawing, the result of hours spent poring over Tagalog komiks for rent in front of the Sta. Ana Elementary School and drawing his own version of the comic book hero. "If I didn't become an actor, I'd be a painter," he says. Or perhaps a singer, says this composer who has a solo album, *"Subok Lang"* under Star Records, which went on to become a platinum record.

But the acting bug bit Montano when he was in his senior year in college in 1984, and soon enough, he was taking acting workshops with the likes of Joel Lamangan and Imee Marcos, and landed the role of elevator boy in *"Estremenggoles."* TV and movie roles quickly followed: *"Agos"* with Gretchen Barretto, Pinoy Thriller, Regal Shocker, the Maricel Soriano Drama Special. He did a lot of B movies, what he'd rather call "trash" movies rather than bold. "I'm an actor," he explains. "If the role calls for me to go nude, I'd do it, but that doesn't mean the movie's bold." He has no regrets starting with such roles, he adds. "Those were the only roles offered me at that time," he says. "I've had my share of boo-boos, but I considered those movies a learning experience. They taught me discipline and I learned to observe camera work. It was like studying filmmaking in a big university."

His diligence did not go unnoticed. Recalls director Marilou Diaz-Abaya who would cast Montano in his award-winning roles in "Jose Rizal," *"Muro-Ami"* and *"Bagong Buwan"*: "Ishmael Bernal once pointed him out to me in one of these movies where Buboy (Cesar's nickname) had a very small role: 'Watch out for that guy,' Ishma said. So I kept tabs on him and was impressed with his rise as a star. I saw a TV movie he directed and starred in and kept him in mind," says the multi-awarded Abaya. "When I did 'Jose Rizal,' he was a natural choice. The face was very important to me and I even superimposed Rizal's face on a photograph of his face. After working with Buboy in the movie, he confirmed my expectations of him as a consummate actor. He even spent six months studying and researching for the role based on the five-page syllabus I gave him, when he could have done a lot of other movies and earned a lot of money instead."



Onscreen hero: As Jose Rizal (above) and real-life hero to children Angelo and Angela

Laughs Montano about the Rizal role: "I think I could have taught a Rizal course, given the research I did on the man. I also learned a lot from *Direk* Marilou; she's a beautiful person. It's a movie I'd do two or three times over."

What he wouldn't do again, he adds, is *"Muro-Ami,"* which he describes as "difficult and physically exhausting." To stay lean and mean, he'd go on a diet and do cardio exercises, basketball and biking before shooting the movie from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Then it's more exercises before going to bed. "And we were there in the middle of the sea, out in the sun the whole day, for three months. I got so dark," he recounts. "Salt water is also very itchy and I almost drowned three times. And there was no time for family either."

Despite Montano's reservations, he remained a committed and passionate actor, says Abaya, who directed *"Muro-Ami."* "There's so much more untapped in him as an actor and director," she adds.

Used to glory

But is the actor so used to glory he can't take the gore, detractors ask, pointing to his tantrum when *"Bagong Buwan"* lost to "Yamashita's Treasure" for Best Director? During the awards night, the best actor told the audience that okay, if they didn't win the award, well, they could always just buy a trophy in Recto. "No, no, I said that in jest," the 42-year-old actor clarifies. "I can be a good loser, but of course my loyalty was with my director, Marilou."

Aside from the sore loser bit, Montano has been faulted for being, well, a skirt-chaser. Didn't wife Sunshine carry on a very public jealousy fit over his *"Panaghoy"* co-star Juliana Palermo? What about Buboy's love child with starlet Teresa Loyzaga, and his two children from his first wife?

The actor takes it all philosophically. "Before I married Sunshine, I was a widower, I was single and naturally, I dated a few women. If I weren't in showbiz, when things don't work out, you can move on, that's taken as normal. But in showbiz, you date another girl and you're marked for life."

His first wife, Marilyn, he volunteers, was a fellow Boholanon whom he met at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Their two children, Angela, now 21, and Angelo, 18, grew up with her when they separated as a couple. She died of a brain tumor in 1993. The children have been back with him since. "We have a very honest and comfortable relationship, although I believe in my father's mode of disciplinary child rearing," he says. "I always tell them, whatever they decide will affect their life later. It's good to be comfortable, but it's more a blessing if you have to work for what you want. *Busog sila sa pangaral* (They're not lacking in admonition). I tell them that whatever I say is for their future, not mine."

So far, so good. Because he regularly took them on location shoots, his children know first hand the country's social conditions. It wasn't surprising when, a few years ago, Angela decided to celebrate her debut party with streetchildren. "I told her, we'd be spending this kind of money, which you won't earn in four or five years. A debut comes once in a woman's life, but then, there's also the opportunity to make lots of streetchildren happy. It was her choice."

Angela, a Business Administration graduate, now works at Robinson's, while Angelo, his father's dive buddy, is still in high school and helps out in the family restaurant business in Baclayon, Bohol. Montano's son with Loyzaga, Caloy Diego, now 10, stays with her in Australia. "We have no communication," he says. "It was his mother's decision, her choice." His two daughters with Sunshine are 3-year-old Angeline Isabelle and 9-month-old Samantha Angeline.

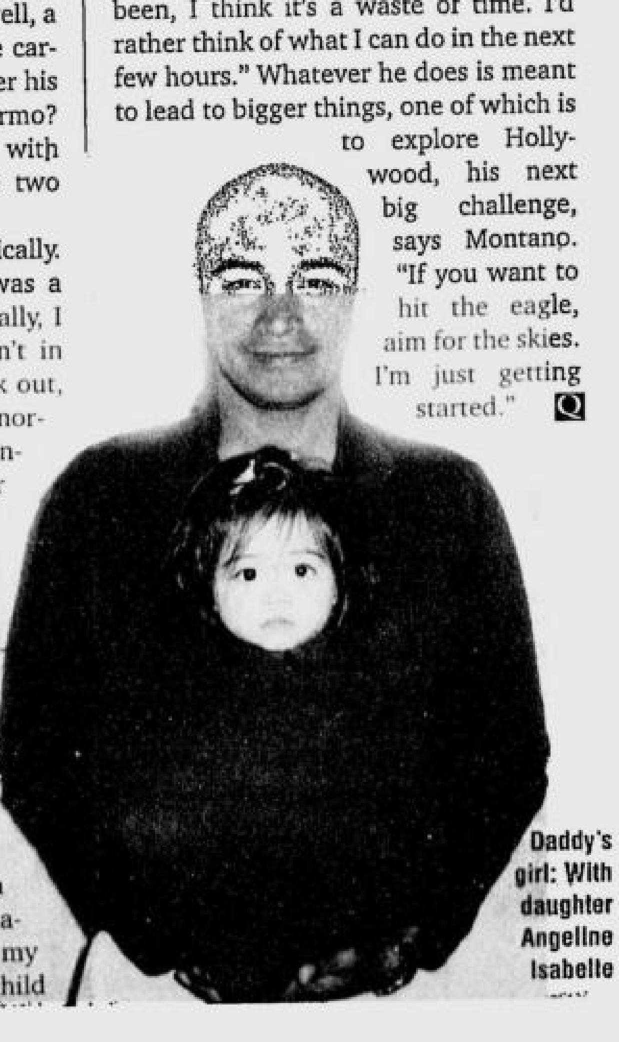
Bigger projects

Asked about that bold tape showing a bare-breasted Sunshine being pawed at by a just-as-naked Jay Manalo, Montano appears grim-faced. "Yes, it came out when we were already married," he says of the colorum tape that was reportedly pieced from the outtakes of a movie that was never shown. "No, it's not true I paid (P7 million) to stop its underground showing. But it's in the past, *tapos na*. It's horrible, but it's all water under the bridge now."

He'd rather move on, and why not? Bigger projects are in the offing: a Hollywood movie, "The Great Raid of Cabanatuan" with Benjamin Bratt, which is opening August 12 in a thousand cinema houses in the US, and will be shown locally starting August 17. Then there's another foreign movie, "Wrinkles" and a slew of historical dramas that should seal Montano's contribution to the local movie industry and to Philippine history. Montano is setting his eye on recreating the Dagohoy rebellion and the Balangiga massacre on screen. Francisco Dagohoy, the last Filipino to fight against the Spaniards, hails from Bohol and has imbued Montano with a sense of mission. *"Masarap gawin yung totoo* (it feels good to do true-to-life stories)," he says. "We have the responsibility to pass on our culture to the younger generation, especially now when our children prefer to watch TV than read books. Dagohoy and Balangiga can help instill in them a sense of pride as Filipinos."

Over the past 20 years, says Montano, the biggest reward he's gotten from movie-making is feeling the influence he has over young viewers. "They idolize you, they think you're cool. You're bigger than life and whatever you do, *gagayahin nila* (they're bound to imitate)." That's why he's not endorsing liquor or cigarettes, says this image model for Hanford briefs, Mega sardines and Touch Mobile. "I'd have a hard time justifying it to my children," he says.

He has no regrets, he says. "I don't want to think about what could have been, I think it's a waste of time. I'd rather think of what I can do in the next few hours." Whatever he does is meant to lead to bigger things, one of which is to explore Hollywood, his next big challenge, says Montano. "If you want to hit the eagle, aim for the skies. I'm just getting started." Q



Daddy's girl: With daughter Angeline Isabelle

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DOY ON HIS SCREENPLAYS

Thanks for the article in the SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE. There's just some information that I'd like to set straight ("The Director's Chair At Last, **SIM**, 10 July 2005). The second paragraph got the details mixed up. Mike de Leon had nothing to do with the writing of *"Pepot Artista"* and *"Sa Mga Kuko ng Liwanag."* I wrote both screenplays in 1970-1971 during a tutorial course with Nestor Torre, Jr. Mike de Leon knew that I had made an adaptation of *"Sa Mga Kuko ng Liwanag,"* so, when he decided to put up a production company in 1975, he asked for a copy of the screenplay and offered it to Lino Brocka to direct.

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DESERVING SISTER MARIANI

Sr. Mariani Dimaranan has got nothing to prove; she really deserves the nomination for the Nobel Peace prize ("The Little Nun Who Fought Giants," **SIM**, 10 July 2005). But I'm afraid it is long overdue. She could have been nominated for and probably awarded the Nobel prize during martial law years. She could have been like human rights advocate Aung San Suu Kyi of the politically repressed Burma, who got the prize at the right time while still under confinement. A sane person would not understand this. We are all caught in the wrong time and place.

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LEARNING FROM SPORTS

The Philippines should have been the best working arena in Southeast Asia, if only Filipinos had the same viewpoint as Manny Pangilinan, one of the best players in this game called Life ("The Chairman Is Still Playing The Game," **SIM**, 10 July 2005).

He was right in saying that sports builds character and virtues. But the present political turmoil prompted me to rethink whether our political leaders, either from the administration or opposition, and the Filipino people as a whole, have solid character and virtues. Are they team players? Are we to allow ourselves to be encumbered by these traditional players who are using foul means in order to win?

The government is the best ring or arena known to man. It taught our leaders how to be good playing-coaches who don't just plan and talk, but execute. Let not our leaders forget the purpose while they're in there. Let not our leaders rest on their winning or lose the lesson whenever they are defeated. We need "player-coaches" like Manny Pangilinan, who doesn't blame the audience for his defeat, but rather, gives ample time for improvement.

I do hope that our native land will have more players like Pangilinan in the near future—he who shares his victory not just with his fellowmen, but with the rest of the world.

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Team Asia's moment of truimph

Three Days of Thunder

For the first time in badminton, two continents were set on a seismic collision. The 1st MVP Cup had us expecting big things from the start when organizers announced a continental play format, when some of the biggest names were confirmed to play, and right up to the colorful opening at the Philsports Arena.

"The MVP Cup is an inspiration to excellence," said PLDT and SMART Chairman Manuel V. Pangilinan, also the tournament's namesake. "I've always believed that we must regard sports as more than just a physical or mental contest, but as a metaphor for life itself."

SMART PCMSD Head Boy R. Martirez also looked forward to "engendering a spirit of perseverance, of winning. It will show all of us what it really takes to be champions. The MVP Cup, more than being a clash of badminton titans, will be a most valuable and crucial learning experience."

We were expecting something big, but never, ever this huge.

And so for a rare time in Philippine sports, local fans lived and breathed amidst true champions. As players dove to the floor, smashed and rallied all to the crowd's thunder, we all knew we were in for an emotional spectacle. And the MVP Cup served it up hot and up-close.

Day 1:

Zhang Ning beat Mia Audina Tjiptawan 11-5, 11-3. Asia 1-Europe 0
Taufik Hidayat beat Anders Boesen 15-3, 15-4. Asia 2-Europe 0
Chang Chong Ming and Koo Kian Keat beat Robert Blair and Nathan Robertson 15-10, 15-11 Asia 3-Europe 0

Day 2:

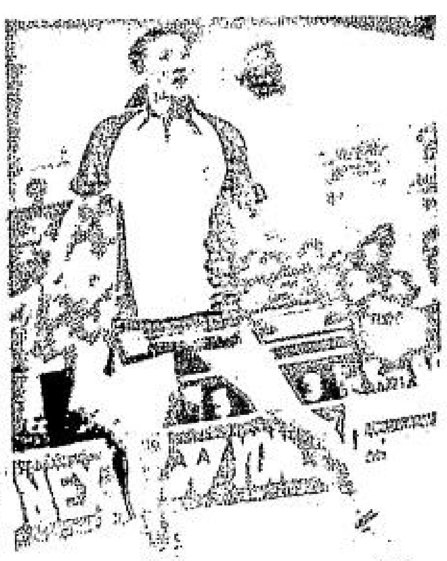
Lin Dan beat Bjorn Joppien 15-2, 15-3. Asia 5-Europe 0
Pi Hongyan beat Seo Yoon Hee 11-4, 11-3. Asia 5-Europe 2
Gail Emms and Mia Audina Tjiptawan beat Saralee Thungthongkam and Sathinee Changkrachangwong 15-2, 15-8. Asia 5-Europe 4

Day 3:

Nathan Robertson and Gail Emms beat Kennevic and Kennie Asuncion 12-15, 17-14, 15-1. Asia 5-Europe7
Zhang Ning beat Yao Jie 11-8, 11-0. Asia 8-Europe 7
Lin Dan beat Anders Boesen 15-1, 15-6. Asia 11-Europe 7

Asia wins 11-7

But during an earlier presscon before match-start, Manuel V. Pangilinan perhaps prophetically answered a reporter's question as to which team he thought would eventually win. "Team Philippines", he said.
And indeed we have.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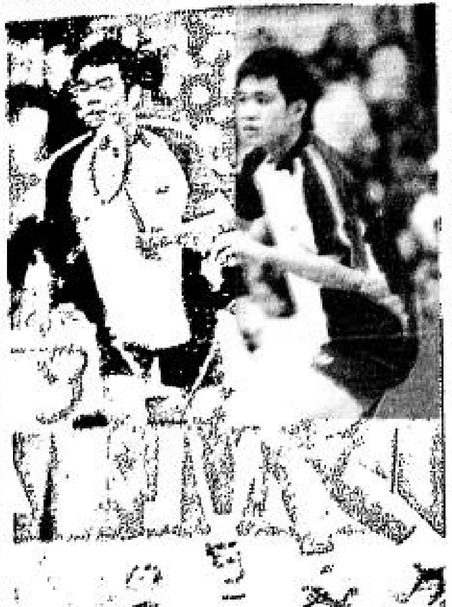
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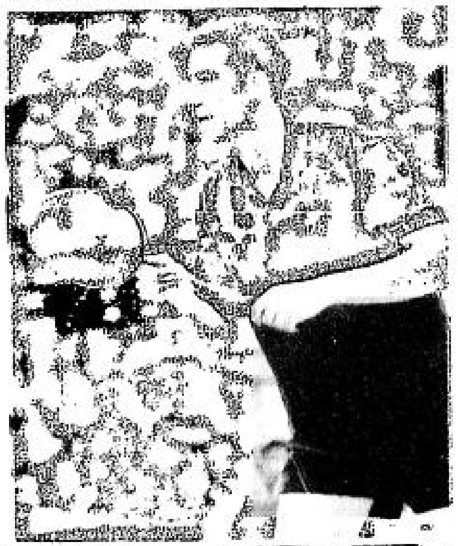

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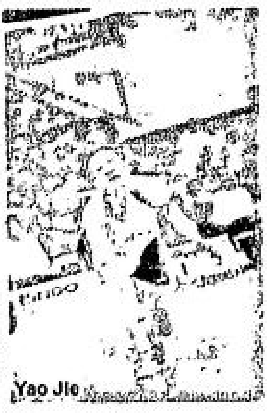
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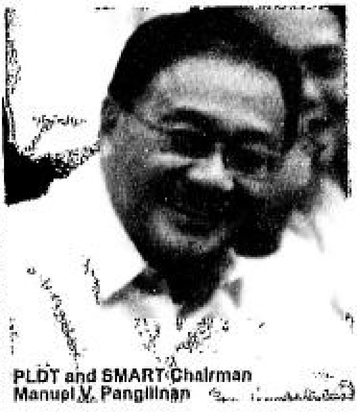
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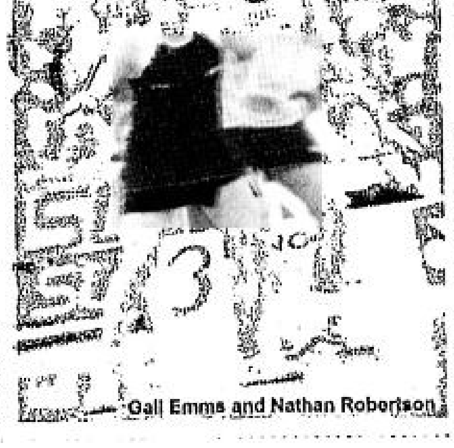
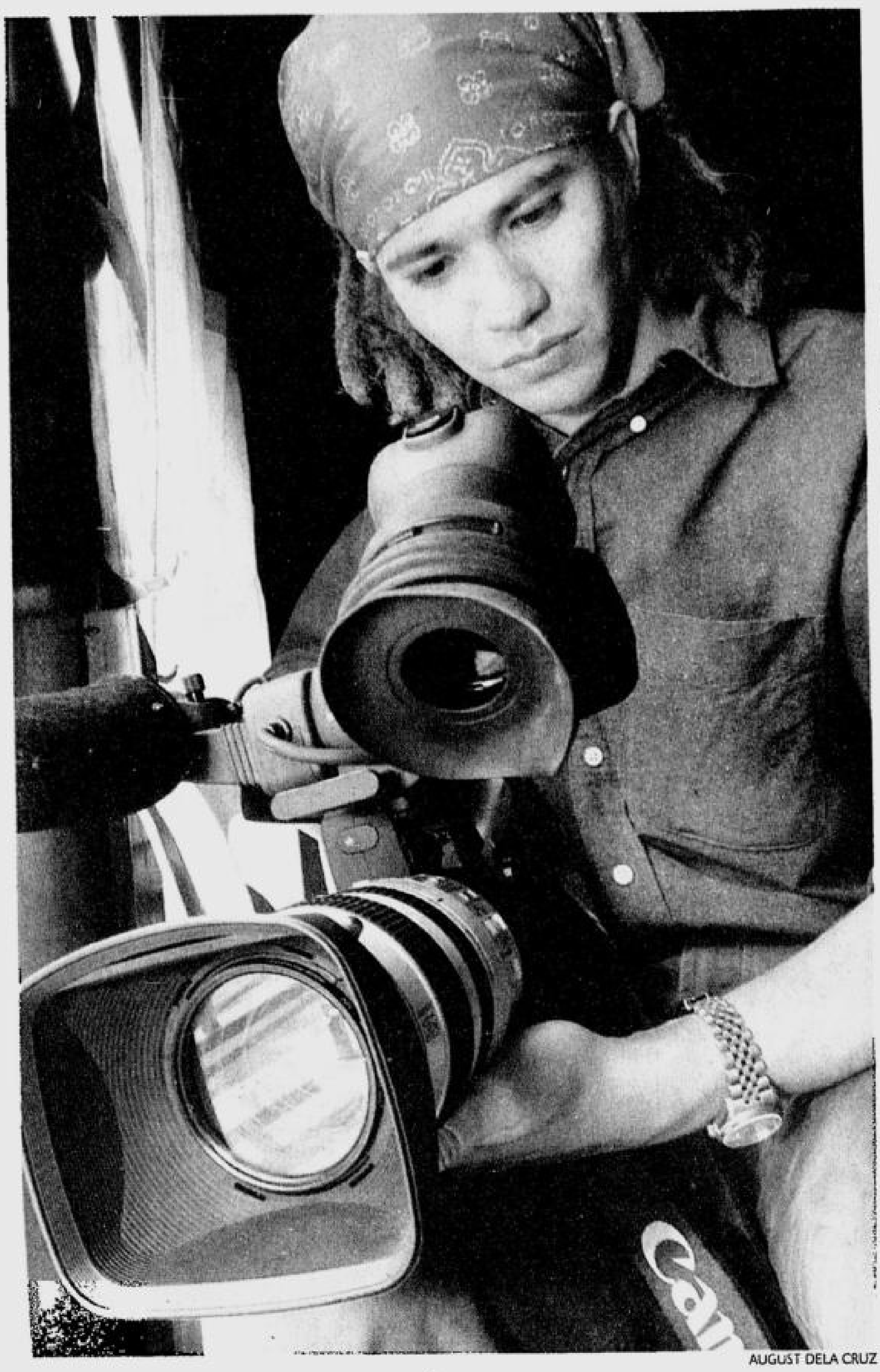

Gail Emms and Nathan Robertson

Pinoy Connection

by Joy Rojas

It Takes A Surfer To Save This Village



AUGUST DELA CRUZ

HIS Caucasian features prompt the greeting "Hey, Joe!" and his name—Jukka (pronounced yukka) Holopainen—provokes a string of corny jokes. Jukkaliptus, Japajukka—he's heard them all. But if Holopainen ever felt like a foreigner, it would be in Finland, birthplace of his father, an attaché of the United Nations who died of cancer when Jukka was only seven months old. Failing to make a connection with a lady who sidled up to him at a Finnish bar, the 32-year-old shakes his head and exclaims, "My name is about as Finnish as I get!"

The rest of him is Filipino. How else can one explain the prominent Visayan accent, the craving for rice whenever he travels abroad, and the uncanny affinity with a vanishing tribe called the Agta-Dumagat?

Outdoor love

Born in Cebu, Holopainen was in 5th grade when he and his older brother and sister were transplanted to Manila by their Filipina mom, a medical technologist. A lover of the great outdoors even then, the boy who grew up spending weekends in Cebu's beaches, would take up scuba diving in college and surfing about four years ago. The latter led him and his friends, architect Marge Babon and chemist-oceanographer Boyd Pickup, to Baler, Quezon, where they would invest in a private seafront property at Charlie's Point, site of the attack scenes in the classic war picture "Apocalypse Now."

In time, the Quezon area would serve as another setting for a different kind of film. Two years ago, Holopainen and his friends chanced upon *Ate* Perla, an Agta-Dumagat chieftain, walking by the local Internet café. Though the trio knew nothing about the tribe, the meeting sparked an instant friendship, and recently, a poignant and revealing documentary about a people whose culture, homeland and lives are on the brink of extinction.

Shot on a Canon XL2 and a handheld Sony camera, the six-months-in-the-making "*Mga Anak Ng Kabundukan* (Children of the Mountain)" offers a rare glimpse of the lives of what may be the last hunter-gatherers left in the country and the world. Now numbering about 10,000, a mere .05 percent of the Philippine population, the Agta-Dumagats were a nomadic tribe, original forest dwellers who subsisted on the root crop *buklog*, as well as the meat of wild pig, monkey and deer that roamed the once-lush Sierra Madre mountains. Deforestation due to logging, however, disrupted not only the fertile forest's ecosystem, but the tribe's only source of food and shelter. Forced to eke out other means of survival, many Agta-Dumagats resorted to copra farming, while others squatted on idle lands. Some have even resorted to more forceful means: loggers have abandoned their trucks after being threatened by "*mga Amazonang may armas*"—their description of the diminutive and fragile Dada Selang and Sol. There are also those who have become resigned to their fate. Jessie is looking into work as a laborer in Saudi Arabia; Loviat, a cleaner at the National Commission on Indigenous People, has just about lost hope of returning to their ancestral land.

Finnish in name but Pinoy at heart, Jukka Holopainen turns to film to teach people about a little-known tribe on the brink of extinction

This is a tribe that has known hardship and disappointment. A religious group has reportedly brought them to Manila to dance for money which they have yet to receive, and the government is said to have sent teachers to their remote area every four years to teach them what to write during elections. "They've had an ancestral domain since the '70s but not a single Dumagat lives there. *Paano, binebenta ng* NGO *yung lupa* (the NGOs have sold the land) for mining!" says Holopainen incredulously. "Every Dumagat we met has been a victim of human rights abuse."

Interestingly, the sight of camera wielding visitors aroused neithe suspicion nor the urge to beg "Video us," beckoned the Dumagat who sported traditional garb (for men, a G-string; women, brightly beaded necklaces and a pouf of earrings made of technicolor thread). "We want our children to see." The three-man crew did better than that: Some months ago, "*Mga Anak*" was screened before a rapt audience at the Gateway Mall in Araneta Center, Cubao.

The 30-minute documentary serves as a springboard for amateur and seasoned filmmakers to com up with their own documentari about the environment. Entries will be shown to the public at the first Moonrise Environmental Documentary Filmfest from August 18-21 at the Gateway Mall. Awards in various categories are up for grabs, including a P150,000 cash prize for the best entry (visit www.moonrise-filmfest.org or call 721-7360 for details).

Stories to tell

"We really want stories about the Philippines to be told—while there are still stories to tell," say Holopainen. "You know, it's a crim that the country is a global hotspot for biodiversity. But if you look the environmental filmfests around the world, where are the ones abou the Philippines? If we do have any they're produced by Discovery Channel or National Geographic We want to give our filmmakers local venue."

Despite Holopainen's multipl roles in "*Mga Anak*"—producer, co scriptwriter—he does not fanc himself a filmmaker; this, in fact, his debut attempt. Neither does h consider himself an environmental ist. "The Dumagats are the true vironmentalists," he insists. "The are the ones who tread lightly the land. *Sila ang humaharap lumalaban sa mga* (they fight an

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Seen on TV

by Ruel S. De Vera

Keeping the A.R.T.S Aloft on the Airwaves

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BORN of a telltale balance of ease and challenge, the art of teaching children the arts is an elusive task. The mentors must have patience and yet be able to cajole and encourage; the work must be exciting enough to be enticing yet not be overly daunting. And when little hands, empowered by snip of scissor, glimpse of glue and the power of a simple fold, have created something, it is a singular joy that is shared by both student and teacher.

This is the same joy celebrated each week by Pia Arcangel and Tonipet Gaba, the earnest hosts of GMA-7's "Art Angel." For over a year now, "Art Angel" has launched one craft after another while steadily gaining viewership on its Saturday, 9 a.m. slot.

Never a chore

"It started out as a joke," Arcangel sa surname that eventually became the sho For Arcangel, the show is never a chore. We tape on weekends and it really doesn't work."

The 26-year-old Arcangel was the pro nice girl in school, but also someone wh talk. Part of the debate team, she was al ident of the high school student counc sumption College in San Lorenzo, Mak continued to excel in debating at the Aten where she graduated in 2000 with a Com

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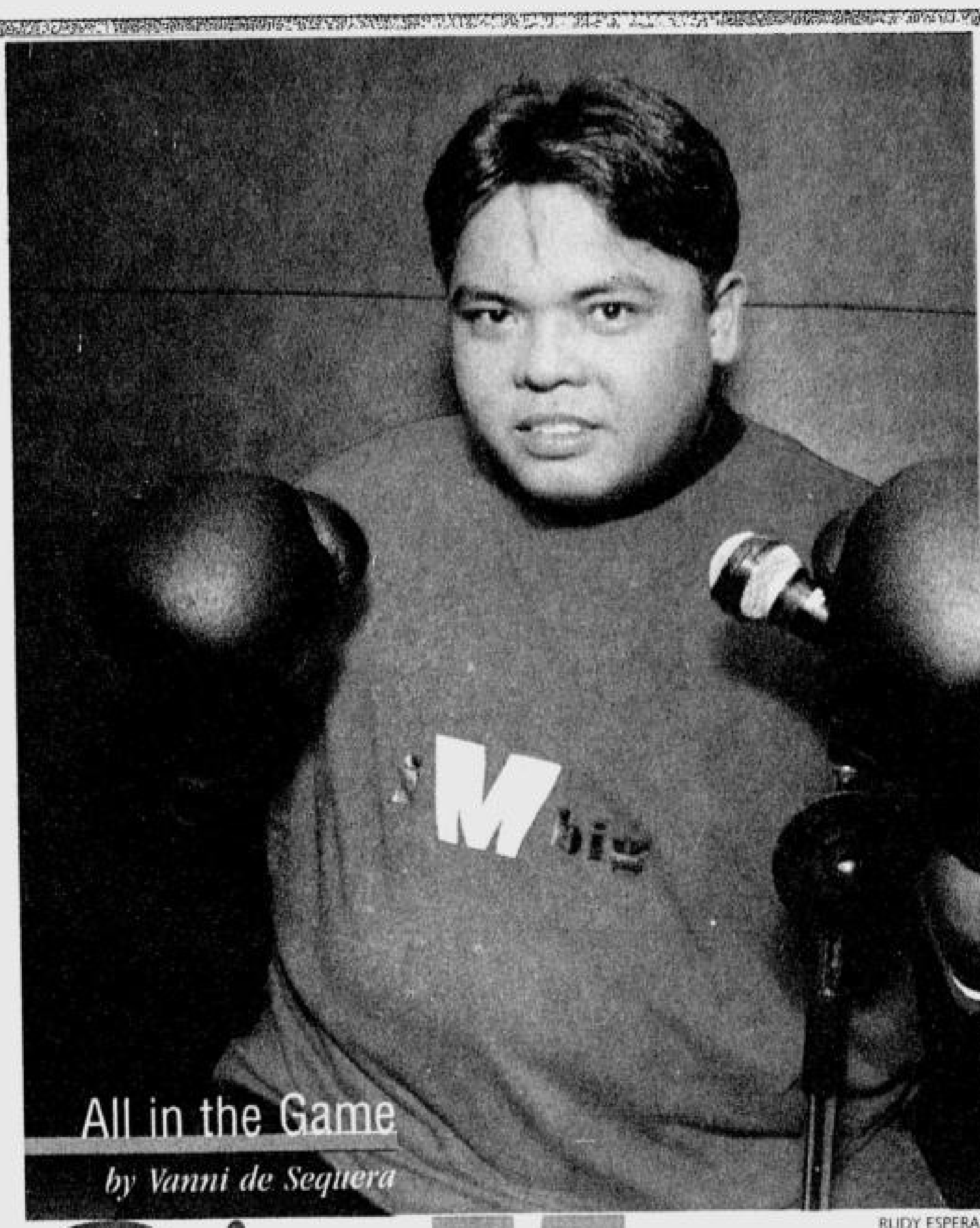

All in the Game

by Vanni de Sequera

RUDY ESPERAS

Big Man With A Big Mouth

Nowadays, hard-hitting reality fighter, TV host, sports commentator and ex-clown Del Bacho would rather throw lines than punches

JUST how smooth a talker is Del Bacho? Well, one drunken night while still a University of Sto. Tomas college senior, he tried phoning a cousin. The night was young, and Bacho was in the mood for more carousing. Blame it on the heroic amounts of booze already consumed or his chunky fingers—either way, Bacho dialed the wrong number. The person on the other end of the line didn't stand a chance; Ima Acedera eventually became Mrs. Del Bacho.

You may have seen Bacho in the slickly produced "*Kamao*," ABS-CBN's reality TV show about local boxers. He was the jolly-faced, silver-tongued commentator who often partnered Vina Morales for the blow-by-blow account of the episode-ending fights. Not since the late Joe Cantada has a sports commentator coined so many new phrases. Whereas the mustachioed and fabulously sideburned Cantada mined his reserve of Latin ("*Mea culpa! Mea culpa!*") and Americana ("Make hay while the sun shines"), Bacho dug up his street roots. A wild punch became a BST (*baka sakaling tumama*); furious body punching was graphically termed *inaararo sa bodega* or *hinahalukay sa sikmura*, while a groggy boxer was described as, "*Bangenge na siya.*"

Primetime shot

"*Kamao*" consultant/referee Alvin Aguilar, himself a cult hero for his fighting prowess, inadvertently presented Bacho with a shot at primetime TV. "I owe it entirely to Alvin's very *coñotic* Filipino," Bacho chuckles. "He was supposed to be the fight commentator, but since the show was in Filipino, they needed a guy who could really speak Pinoy-talk."

A not inconsiderable celebrity soon enveloped Bacho. Tricycle drivers, *taho* vendors, kids, and business executives stopped him in the street, certain it was the big guy they see on TV. The show itself was an interesting mix of combat and camaraderie; at times, "*Kamao*" produced classic farce, like when one of the contenders admitted to wearing panties for underwear—it costs less and feels wonderful, the pugilist explained. Each week during the final minutes of an episode, after the sadistic made-for-TV time trials, after the teary confessions scored with the requisite piano tinkling, and after the gratuitous camera zooms of the ring girls, came the reassuring voice of Bacho to herald yet another televised fight to the finish. Bacho was a natural, even when teamed up with John "Sweet" Lapus, whose lascivious contributions to the fight commentary would have made 50-Cent blush.

It wasn't all work, however, in Subic, where the series was filmed. During lulls in taping, the dearly loved Vina Morales would treat the boys to rounds of drinks around the bars in the former naval base. The four "*Kamao*" ring girls proved less spirited, but were at least always an eyeful. If more diversions were needed, the resin-coated boxing ring beckoned. What do a bunch of fighters do to break the monotony? They fight, of course. And Del Bacho finally met his match.

"I gave Alvin my arm... so an armbar could end my misery...and he was toying with me for 10 minutes!" he relates. Bacho and Aguilar had rolled on the mat in a friendly jiu-jitsu joust. The former cheerfully concedes the grappling master had wrapped him up into a pretzel, but it is exceedingly rare for Bacho to lose a fight. Bacho, you see, has been fighting since he was five.

"We were raised by the coolest dad on the planet, together with the sweetest pair of grandmothers one could ask for. My American *lolo*, William Schoeber, the one I grew up knowing as my one true grandpa, introduced me to boxing. He would pay bigger street kids P5 to spar with me in the garage so I'd learn how to take a punch. He even hired two boxing pros from Elorde Gym to train me back then.

Talking fists

"Growing up in the streets of Sta. Ana was really tough—most of the friends I grew up with were my enemies at first. After constant fighting, you eventually earn each other's respect. I have been in more rumbles and fights that I care to remember, but I'm proud to say that prior to my downfall at the hands of TJ Tiu in Universal Reality Combat Championships 1, no one could come up and say he beat me one-on-one in a fight. Two, three, four, and more at one time—yes. One-on-one? Zero."

For someone whose fists did some serious talking, Bacho's mouth also proved it packed a helluva punch. He'd been hosting since his elementary days, so it's no surprise his past jobs have included being a Speechpower instructor and call center training manager. Another gig, however, thoroughly prepared him for the rigors of public speaking. Del Bacho was once Sparky the Clown.

"My wife and I started Skyhigh Enterprises, which provided entertainers like clowns and magicians to events and parties. I had a clown magician who always caused major booking problems, so I eventually became one myself to take his place," he says. One would think that after studying balloon sculpture, joining the Inner Magic Club, and being a natural born entertainer, Bacho's shows would have coasted along smoothly. He hadn't reckoned on psychotic kids and vicious old ladies.

Tired of being kicked in the groin by sugar-fueled children, Bacho employed Muay Thai shin blocks to ward off the assaults. Contact with his shins, which had been hardened by a training routine designed to kill its nerve endings, would send the little brats scurrying to their mothers in illusion-shattering pain. Sparky's grimmest adversary, however, proved to be a feisty, ancient woman, the senile matriarch of an influential clan. Thinking Sparky was about to dodge a routine by sending the delinquents off to go trick-or-treating during Halloween, she stabbed him in the back with her Parker pen. It wouldn't be last scrap for the founder (along with Glenn Evangelista) of Strikes and Submissions.

Fire inside

"I grabbed myself a bootleg copy of a tape I'd been hearing for about a year, the Ultimate Fighting Championships. Watching the tape lit a fire inside me. I immediately told my dad that if an event like that were ever staged in the country, I would be the first to sign up. He just chuckled and took a swig of his beer. Too bad he died before we had the first URCC in 2002."

The referee stopped Bacho's first URCC fight—many say prematurely—in favor of the heavier Tiu. Cancelled fights, injuries, and life got in the way of additional mixed martial arts fights, although Bacho remains a popular referee (his catchphrase, "Time for pain!" never fails to get the blood lust surging), a respected analyst, and the de facto mediator between rival mixed martial arts groups.

Now 34, married for 14 years, father to "my pulse and heartbeat" Soleil Paige, 10, and Shane Dylan, 4, stepfather to "my best buddy since she was six" Sachiko Marie, 20, it might be tempting to presume Bacho's fighting days are over. As a matter of fact, one of his regular hosting engagements is the sedate but curiously riveting Tuesday Trivia Night at Irishman Joe Riley's Prince of Wales Pub in Makati.

But he has trimmed down from 315 to a more svelte 280 lbs. and is hitting the gym with renewed zeal, although at 5'7", he's in no danger of losing his M Big Men endorsement (sizes go up to XXXXXL). Looks like Del Bacho's imposing, larger-than-life figure will be filling up your TV screen once again. Real soon. Q

'Art Angel' hosts Pia Arcangel and Tonipet Gaba describe what it's like to shape budding artists on TV

tion degree. She did desk work for ABC-5 for two months after graduation, after which she served as a courtside reporter on Studio 23's UAAP broadcast in 2000; it was during this time that she met future husband Mico Halili, a Philippine Basketball Association sportscaster. Following the sports beat, she later prowled the courtside at the now-defunct Metropolitan Basketball Association. Next stop was as weather girl for Studio 23's "Breakfast."

"I always watched a lot of TV and was interested in it," she says. "But I wasn't sure what I wanted to do, until I had a chance to be on-cam."

In 2002, Arcangel made the fateful leap to GMA-7 as a reporter. Today, this art show host also covers the House of Representatives. "GMA-7 really wanted to put up an art show for kids and asked me if I was interested," she recounts. The first three months of the show involved a lot of traveling and remote shoots. Since September last year, "Art Angel" has been shot in the studio, with Gaba as Arcangel's co-host.

Familiar face

Like Arcangel, the 27-year-old Gaba is a familiar face on TV. He was enamored by the visual arts at a very young age and loved drawing and painting. This Literature and Humanities major from De La Salle fell in love with stage early on and was part of Repertory Philippines. He has also appeared on TV commercials, including one for Bonamine.

Off-cam, he and his friends put up The Works, "a production company that does events." He adds, "My long term plans is really to be a producer, because the work is very stable." Gaba also did an education-oriented show, *"Eskwela ng Bayan,"* for NBN.

While Arcangel has had to slip into the role through hands-on learning, Gaba is clearly a natural with the arts as an all-around talent: "I sketch and I paint, I perform and I act."

Arcangel doesn't mind the comparison. "I never claimed to be a professional artist," she says with a laugh. But she remembers that her school art projects were always surprisingly sturdy. "My family is just now realizing that I actually had artistic skills way back when I was young."

The show might be an on-air learning experience for her, but it's also the best excuse for her to relax, she claims. "People see me as being straightforward because they see me as a reporter. 'Art Angel' is the best excuse for me to be more like myself. It's like a break from the news. It keeps me from getting old too fast."

Gaba gets away from it all whenever he has a chance: "I have a farm and a rice field in Mindoro. If it were possible, I'd love to be a farmer," says this pet owner whose menagerie includes two cats and a Labrador.

Vibrant chemistry

They may be worlds apart, but there's vibrant chemistry between the two hosts. "*Sobrang swak*," Gaba says. Though Arcangel does have a funny side, she is the more conservative of the two, with Gaba easily admitting to being the more "wacky. I'm *madaldal*, very irreverent." Indeed, it is the purity of the show's purpose, the brightness of its intentions that makes "Art Angel" stand out.

The two are just tickled pink-and magenta and burnt sienna and forest green-working on the show. "The people and the camaraderie" is what Gaba loves about "Art Angel," prior to rattling off a remarkable list of unusual names like Aso and Bitik. "I love working with all of them. We have the best crew." After all, to inspire all the future Amorsolos and Kiukoks, one will need the best companions.

Says Arcangel: "It's heartwarming to know we have loyal viewers. The best part is when kids come up to you and say they do the projects we do on TV. It means we're not doing the show for nothing." Q

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Love Notes

Joe D'Mango

More Important Than Money

You know what hurts the most? His indecisiveness. He told me we would fight for our relationship, only to tell me the next day that he had decided to break up with me

Dear Joe,

I MET Carl four years ago when we started out as textmates. Carl is funny, thoughtful and sweet. Although he didn't make it to college, he's very responsible. He became my boyfriend four months later; everything was perfect. Sure, we had our disagreements, but we always managed to iron things out. I knew he was the one I wanted to spend the rest of my life with, and we started planning for our future. After all, we were not getting any younger.

Everything was going smoothly. Or so I thought. He told me that I didn't have time for him anymore, that all I could think about was my family. That he waited for me to change from being too demanding and selfish, but in vain. Two months after proposing marriage, he broke up with me. I was shattered. I begged him to forgive me, to give me a chance. But he was adamant.

Joe, that's not only the reason he broke up with me. It was also because his family couldn't accept that I wanted to continue helping my family with my own income. You see, Joe, we're not well-off like them, and I continue to take care of my father by visiting him every now and then.

Was I wrong to ask for that? But his family didn't give me a chance. They cancelled the preparations for our wedding just like that. And Carl broke up with me, not in person, mind you, but over the phone, blaming it all on me. You know what hurts the most? His indecisiveness. He told me we would fight for our relationship, then the next day he said he'd decided to break up with me.

Yet I forgave him, still hoping he would realize he was making a mistake, that he would come back to me because he loved me just as I love him. We still communicate every now and then, but nothing has changed. Help me, Joe. I don't know what to do anymore. Is it right for me to hold on? I want to know what you think.

Sincerely,
Sophia

Dear Sophia,

We all make promises that we sometimes cannot keep. Carl must have loved the thought of being with you, but I honestly believe that he never really loved the person in you. We all know that couples who get married embrace a total change of priorities, and family support issues become very sensitive matters of discussion and arguments.

Sophia, I know how much you want to have Carl back, but I don't think he shares the same passion now. Your parents are lucky to have a daughter like you. You should find a person who will not take your responsibility against you but would even be proud of your commitment to your parents.

Money becomes an issue for many couples, whether they have an excess or lack of it. It even becomes more intense when it is shared with people outside the family circle. If Carl chooses not to marry you for this reason, then there should be no reason to marry him, either.

Let us always remember that love should never be a function of money. Money, for all its practicalities, is important , but there are far more important reasons why people choose to marry than money. Love encompasses who we were, who we are and who we will be. Love never looks at our past, nor does it change who we are today. Love simply accepts and makes the most of what it has. It never measures, never compares and never judges. Love simply loves without the conditions and that's how love truly should be. ▣

Controversies

by Blanche S. Rivera

Yes, ma'am: Defensor says he'll stick to GMA to the end

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In Defense of Himself—and His President

By now, Environment Secretary Mike Defensor may sound like a voice in the wilderness as he proclaims the virtues of his Chief Executive. But just how far will his loyalty go?

T'S been a crazy day, and Environment Secretary Michael T. Defensor is spewing instructions to his increasingly confused aide, changing everyone's schedule in a span of two minutes. "Tell him I can't meet him now... No, just say I'll be late. No, wait, I have a lunch meeting in Malacañang. Why don't you ask him to just meet me in Manila? I don't understand why he set lunch here in Makati; he knows there's a rally."

He finally turns to you, smiles and apologizes for the crazy day, but you know you're lucky to steal 30 minutes of Defensor's time these days. The guy is literally shoring up the country's presidency, holding off the barbarians at the gate. At least 40,000 rallyists of all persuasions have massed on the streets to demand President Arroyo's resignation after she admitted calling up an Elections official after the May elections last year. She later apologized for her "lapse in judgment."

"She's a hardworking president," Defensor says of his chief executive. "She's a good president who wants to leave a lasting legacy. She's very sensitive to calls for reforms and bringing changes for the poor."

He continues: "The President is far from being a politician. She's an economic manager, but at this time, we need to address the political crisis that has affected our financial and economic markets." Three weeks after the President's public apology, Defensor's defense has started to sound like a recording, his critics observe, but friends and staff attest that always, the guy speaks from the heart.

"How can you not be loyal to a President who's being asked to resign when there's really no basis for her to resign? I've been there 24 hours during the campaign, and I saw no indication that the President cheated," he insists.

Blind obedience

His loyalty has been called blind obedience by some. "If the President asked him to plant a tree upside down, he would do it," observes Archbishop Oscar Cruz, who has met Defensor at least three times. "His loyalty is such that it does not differentiate between right and wrong."

To a certain extent, Defensor's fidelity is admirable, the Archbishop concedes. He is behaving like a true loyalist and not like a politician, who would have jumped ship by now because of the political uncertainty, he adds.

Indeed, others may call it blind faith, but to Defensor, it's plain and simple loyalty to a woman he has called "ma'am" since he was in sixth grade, and loyalty to a family that has virtually adopted him. He recounts how First Gentleman *"Tito* Mike" and his son, Congressman Mikey, used to call him for snacks after shooting a few hoops with the drivers in the Arroyos' La Vista home.

"*Para kang anak. Kapag mali ang magulang mo, huwag mo pabayaan masira, tapos iiwanan mo* (It's like knowing your parents may be wrong, but you don't abandon them). You tell them they're wrong and you apologize for it. But you stick it out with them," he says.

"I'll stay with her to the end," Defensor declares. "I'm willing to risk my political career. I'm willing to put on the line several things."

That includes his shot at the Senate in the 2007 national elections, something he doesn't want to turn his back on.

"If you're asking me if I want to be president, no, I don't," he says. "But to be honest with you, the Senate is something I want because I'm a policy wonk. I like debating, discussing, learning, educating myself. If it happens, I would be happy to be there," he muses.

But if it doesn't, there's always business for Defensor. His family owns JC Spice, a direct selling company distributing shoes and accessories. His wife's family is into First Quadrant, for which he has had to explain hundreds of times that the venture is a legitimate multi-level marketing enterprise that has not received any incentives or perks from the government.

Defensor, who holds a Masters degree in Public Administration and a bachelor's degree in History, has no qualms about trying his hand at something new. He had, after all, worked for the family's woodcraft business after college while serving on the Youth Council for Development. Which provides him another option: working for a non-government organization. Or perhaps writing a column.

Destiny

"There are so many possibilities. I'm never worried about my future. My political life, in many cases, has been a product of destiny," he says.

He never imagined, for example, that when he and 16 other congressmen pushed for President Joseph Estrada's impeachment against all odds five years ago, they would succeed. Armed with what he calls "the gift of persuasion," Defensor convinced at least 70 others to join them, got the House of Representatives to forward it to the Senate, and the rest is history.

From being one of the Spice Boys of Congress, Defensor moved up to Cabinet rank in the Arroyo administration as presidential adviser for housing, and chair of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council from 2001 to 2004.

Unknown to many, Defensor resigned before the elections last year to go back to Quezon City politics, but the President prevailed upon him to stay. He was the administration's political spokesperson for the elections.

In September last year, Defensor was named to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to implement President Arroyo's pet economic policy: responsible mining. Bombarded with criticisms from environmentalists and religious groups actively opposed to mining, Defensor absorbed the blows as "an extension of the President." He faced stiff opposition as he braved the Commission on Appointments last month, but was finally confirmed.

Rep. Francis Escudero, political spokesperson of the opposition and just one batch ahead of Defensor at the UP Integrated School, considers him an asset to the Arroyo administration.

"It's nice to have someone like him on your side... I know him to be firm and aggressive about his convictions, and he will not let his age or the odds deter him from fighting for what he believes is right," says Escudero. "However, we have not been privileged to be on the same side and somehow always find ourselves on opposite camps," he adds.

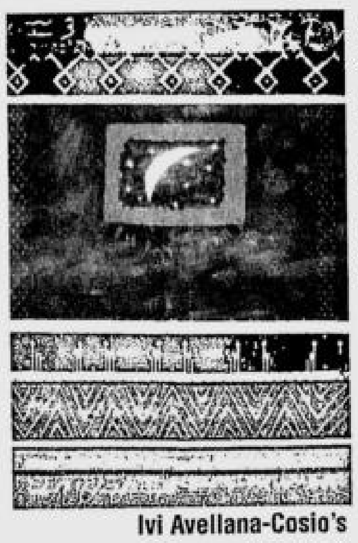
But while Defensor maintains he is willing to pay the price of loyalty at all times, he draws the line at his family. His wife Julie and their four children are his threshold, he says.

"Loyalty is a very good virtue. Do I demand loyalty? Yes, but I also exact loyalty the way I give it. I always want to know where I stand." ▣

This Week

Art

Ongoing until July 17 at The Oasis (169 Aurora Blvd, San Juan City) are **paintings and sculptures from 20 select artists** gathered by curator Albert Avellana. Exhibited are works like "Wind and Soul" by Impy Pilapil, "Imposed" by Claude Tayag, "Buwan at Bunga" by Ivi Avellana-Cosio and Gus Albor's "Red."


Ivi Avellana-Cosio's "*Buwan at Bunga*," on view at La Soufflé Rockwell

Double Life, an exhibit of mixed media paintings by Pep Manalang at Finale Art File, LaO Centre, Pasay Road corner Makati Avenue, Makati City until July 29. For details, call 813-2310.

Tableaux/Photos, a solo exhibit by Ivi Avellana-Cosio at Le Soufflé Rockwell, Amorsolo Square, Amorsolo, Drive, Rockwell Center, Makati City until Aug. 9.

Doit, a group exhibit by Lyle Buencamino, Patrick de Veyra, Winner Jumalon, Carl Loquias, Mervin Malonzo, Jaco Payawal, Hanna Pettyjohn and Ian Quiranta extrapolating on the idea of drawing, at the Mag:net Gallery, 335 Agcor Building, Katipunan Avenue, Loyola Heights, QC until Aug. 12.

Serene Light, a tribute exhibition to photographer and Zen Buddhist Monk Butch Baluyut at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Bulwagang Juan Luna until Aug. 14. The retrospective exhibition will feature Baluyut's black and white photographs taken from the late '70s up to his untimely demise in 2003. For details, call 832-3702.

To celebrate the 97th year of the University of the Philippines' founding, the Vargas Museum and the Office of the Campus Architect is exhibiting the **plans and design of UP Diliman** when the university first moved its main campus to Quezon City in 1949. It features drawings, scale models and photographs of the State University's flagship site. Exhibit runs until August 3 at the Lobby of UP Vargas Museum, Diliman, Quezon City.

Music

Every Wednesday night at Merk's Bar Bistro in Greenbelt 3, Makati City, jazz prince Richard Merk goes onstage to jam with the country's best loved musicians billed as **Merk & Friends**. Richard regularly performs with Roger Herrera on bass, Romy Posadas on keyboards, Mar Dizon on drums and Mon Guevarra on congos. He also shares the stage with vocalists Sandra Lim and Mon David. Their repertoire is anything and everything jazz with a new twist to standard favorites.

Grand Homecoming Concert. Tenor Otoniel Gonzaga, the first and the last Filipino tenor to sing Verdi's Otello, in a special song recital Tuesday, July 26, 8 p.m. Philamlife Theater with pianist Mary Anne Espina and guest artists baritone Noel Azcona and soprano Joan Cano. For tickets, call tel. 901-7156 or 0910-8851136.

The newly formed **Centro Escolar University Pop Orchestra** takes centerstage this Sunday at 5 p.m. in Concert at the Park at the Rizal Park Open-Air Auditorium. The orchestra's repertoire includes dance music to popular classics. Admission is free.

The 19th season of the **Filipino Artists Series** opens this month and will showcase the talents of four Filipino artists-clarinetist Ariel Sta. Ana (July 27), tenor Abdul Candao (Aug. 31), marimba player Dena Fernandez (Sept. 28), and pianist Mary Anne Espina (Nov. 23). All concerts are slated at the Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino (CCP Little Theater) at 7:30 p.m. Ticket price is P400 with discounts for students, senior citizens and groups. For reservations, call CCP at 832-3704, Ticketworld at National Bookstore and Tower Records (891-9999).

Upcoming singer Ron Antonio will hold his first major concert, **Wiser**, on Aug. 12, 9 p.m. at the Music Museum in Greenhills, San Juan). The concert is a retrospect of Ron's music career and will showcase his music from the time he started singing church and gospel music to his boyband days with Wiseguys. He'll be performing a variety of musical styles from pop, rock, standards, R&B to gospel. For tickets, call Total Music Entertainment at 824-1901.

Cinema

The Italian film *I Cento Passi* **(A Hundred Steps)** will be screened on July 19 (4 p.m. and 7 p.m.) at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Dream Theater as part of the Italian Film Festival. The film is the true story of Peppino Impastato, a young leftwing activist in the 1970s. At a time when no one dared speak out, Impastato repeatedly denounced his uncle Tano Badalamenti's Mafia crimes from a small local radio station. Admission is free. For details, call 832-1125 loc. 1704/05.

Onstage

For its 19th Theater Season, **Tanghalang Pilipino presents love in its diversity**. From "R'meo Luvs Dew-Lhiett," a jologs adaptation of William Shakespeare's immortal love story (Aug. 5-28 at Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino; Sept. 9-18 at Tanghalang Huseng Batute) to "*Ang Pokpok ng* Ohio," a poetic drama about forgotten yearnings, thwarted dreams and finding hope in desperate times (Sept. 30-Oct. 23, Tanghalang Huseng Batute) to "Noli Me Tangere" (Nov. 11-Dec. 4, Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino) and lastly, Carlo Vergara's "Zsazsa Zaturnnah," a musical comedy about a parlorista superheroine that saves the world (Feb. 10-March 5, 2006 at Tanghalang Huseng Batute). Available for school tours and special bookings are "Pinocchio" and "Ang Prinsipe ng Buwan." For inquiries, call 832-1125 loc. 1620/1621.

Food

Adding more zing to Richmonde Hotel's delectable lineup of a la carte dishes are the featured **Chef's Recommendations at the Richmonde Grill**. Available this month are the following sumptuous main course selections: Grilled Beef Mignon on Oyster Sauce with Broccoli Spears and Buttered Flat Noodles, Pork Medallion with Courgette on Braised Cabbage & Grilled White Cheese, Lapu-Lapu & Mussels with Purple Leek, Mashed Potato & Dill Saffron Sauce, Grilled Salmon Fillet on Bed of Julienne Vegetables & Shrimp Sauce and Grilled Chicken Skewers on Mongolian Rice with Fried Tofu & Leek Confit. For inquiries, call 638-7777 ext. 3409.

Atbp

Dadi Janki, dubbed by American scientists as the "World's Most Stable Mind" visits Manila this month to support Higher Ground Productions' **Don't Think**, a dance concert that interprets her forthcoming book, "Restoring Spiritual Greatness." To be held on July 28, 7:30 p.m. at Onstage, "Don't Think" is a one-woman show performed by Marge Enriquez about absorption into a persona. The audience's experience becomes an opportunity to involve themselves with the performer's challenges, transformation and states of mind. The powerhouse team behind the production consists of director Bart Guingona, choreographer Douglas Nierras, video director Oddie Espiritu, musical director Agnes Manalo, lighting designer Jay Aranda, sculptor Impy Pilalpil, artist Tony Gonzales, fashion designer Inno Sotto, makeup artist Patrick Rosas, photographer Wig Tysmans and graphic designer Jo Chua. For details, call 890-7960 or 922-9231.

Merk & Friends enliven the scene at Merk's Bar Bistro

For this week's bands and schedules call:

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- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

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Spice up your weekend with exciting bargain finds at **Shop@thefort** on July 17 at the NBC Tent and **Shop@Le Pav** on July 30 and 31 at Le Pavillion, Metropolitan Park, Roxas Boulevard, Manila. The bazaars offer the latest designer clothes, fashion accessories, bags, shoes, items for the home, children's toys and gizmos and homemade deli items like paté, pasta sauces, spreads, baked goodies and many more. Both bazaars are open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Enjoy the Chef's Recommendations at The Richmonde Hotel

Commedia Dell Arte Workshop, a three-day workshop exploring the archetypal characters, classic comic routines, body language, tricks and skills of the commedia performer with Dan Chumley of the San Francisco Mime Troupe as facilitator. To be held on July 19, 20 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Indie Gallery, Mowelfund Plaza, 66 Rosario Drive, Cubao, Quezon City. Workshop fee is P3,000 inclusive of lunch. For reservations, call Gail G. Billones at 410-0822 and 724-9637.

Repertory Philippines is holding **auditions** for its off-season musical offering this November—**Man of La Mancha** on July 21. Open to all amateur and professional actors and actresses, the auditions will be held at the Repertory Philippines office at C2-A, Bldg. C, Karrivin Plaza, 2316 Pasong Tamo extension, Makati City. Registration is at 6 p.m. Interested parties should bring a recent 2x2 photo and a resumé and should prepare a song from the musical "Man of La Mancha." Piano scores from the musical are available at the Repertory office. For details, call the Repertory Philippines office at 887-0710.

The Communication Foundation for Asia invites parents to its seminar, **Rated PG! A Parent's Guide to Raising Great Kids**. The parenting seminar will teach parents to introduce God to their kids and build a happy family life in the process. It will instruct participants about developing the foundational and practical ideas on providing children a Christian upbringing. To be held on July 23, 9 a.m. at the CFA Training Room, 4427 Interior Old Sta. Mesa. For inquiries, call 713-2732 and 714-7233.

Join guide Ivan ManDy as he horses around and takes visitors to **discover the culinary and historical delights of Manila's Chinatown** on July 23. Meet inside the Binondo Church at 1 p.m. Slots limited. Tickets at P650/head. Text 0917-3291622 or email oldmanilawalks@gmail.com to reserve. Also check out www.oldmanilawalks.com for details.

Anvil Publishing Inc. will conduct a **seminar on Making Documentaries in the Philippines** for Mass Communication teachers on July 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Audio-Visual Room,, 6th Floor Development Academy of the Philippines Building, San Miguel Avenue, Pasig City. The session's speaker will be filmmaker, documentarist and author Isabel Enriquez Kenny who will discuss the art and craft of Documentary Storytelling. The seminar also marks the release of the 2005 edition of the best-selling "Making Documentaries in the Philippines." For reservations, contact Anvil Publishing Inc. Marketing Department at 747-1622.

MB&G/ProActive is now accepting reservations to its **Managing a Catering Business seminar-workshop** on July 25-29, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Eastwood City, Libis, QC. The training will feature lectures and hands-on workshop on planning the menu, equipment and staffing, cost control, room arrangement, among others. For registration, call Manu Ofiaza at 687-1787.

The Communication Foundation for Asia is offering a **Scriptwriting for TV and Film Workshop** on July 19, 21, 26 and 28 at the CFA Building, 4427 Interior Old Sta. Mesa, Manila to be facilitated by Doy del Mundo Jr. Elements of TV and film drama, script format, technical terminologies, conceptualization, synopsis, treatment and full script will be covered. To cap the learning experience, participants will shoot on video and edit a selected script from among their individual works. For registration, call Grace at 713-2732, 714-7233 and 713-2981 loc. 407.

De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde will be hosting its annual **College Week** with the theme "I am Benilde" from Aug. 8 to 13. This week-long event will feature interactive, educational, and entertaining activities that highlight DLS-CSB's academic curricula and cultural life. Prospective students who are in their fourth year of high school, their parents, and their teachers will be given an opportunity to join Campus Tours and participate in College Week 2005 festivities for free. Interested parties must first register at least one day before the activity to get a day pass. The College Week Secretariat may be contacted at Rm. 104, Duerr Hall, De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde, 2544 Taft Ave., Manila; through email sarmientok@dls-csb.edu.ph; or telefax 526-7441 to 47 loc. 249 and 253. Details about the College can be found at http://www.dls-csb.edu.ph

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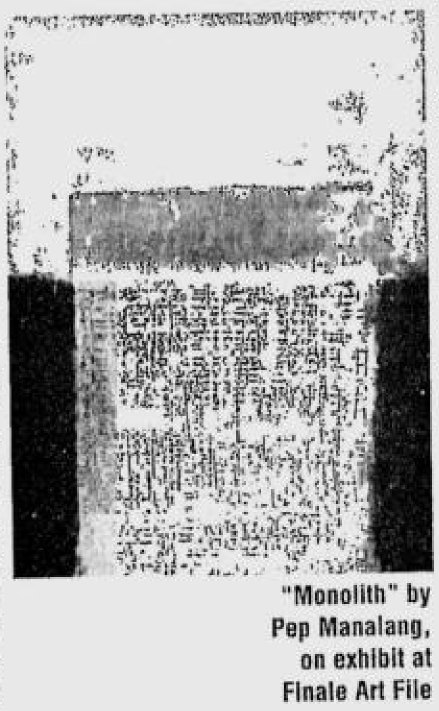
Spend a weekend of wellness and healing following the ancient Indian healing system of Ayurveda, with Fr. Jacob Gnalian, the leading Ayurveda practitioner in the Philippines. Discover effective and affordable alternative herbal cures to diseases for which western medicine has no effective remedy, such as arthritis, rheumatism, asthma, diabetes and hypertension. The **Wellness Weekend** shall be held at the Forest Club (www.the-forest-cub.com) in Bay, Laguna on July 23-24. The seminar fee is P2,500 inclusive of vegetarian meals, air-conditioned accommodations at the Forest Club. Interested participants may call Wawel Mercado at 0917-8312583, 638-1741 or e-mail wawel_mercado@hotmail.com.


"Monolith" by Pep Manalang, on exhibit at Finale Art File

Nyoy Volante and Nina will hold a back-to-back concert, **El Niño La Niña** on July 22, 7:30 p.m. at Rose Memorial Hall, Central Philippine University, Iloilo City and July 23, 7:30 p.m. at Colegio San Agustin, Bacolod City. You can get your tickets to the Iloilo concert at Tibiao Bakery (Jaro @ 3378506, Bonifacio Drive @ 3295357 & Jalandoni City Proper @ 3372011), Biscocho House (Assumption School @ 3290862, Robinsons Place & SM City @ 3290864), Bacolod Chicken House (Gen. Luna Street @ 3381383), Mom & Me (Lower Grand Flr., SM City Iloilo @ 3208071), Coffee Break (Iloilo Doctor's College & University of San Agustin @ 3373051), Mang Inasal @ 3372482, Villa Sagrado @ 3369109. For ticket inquiries in Bacolod, call 434-2239, 433-6637 to 39, 433-2268, 434-1492, 0915-9964113, 432-0834, 433-3773, and in all McDonald's branches in Bacolod.

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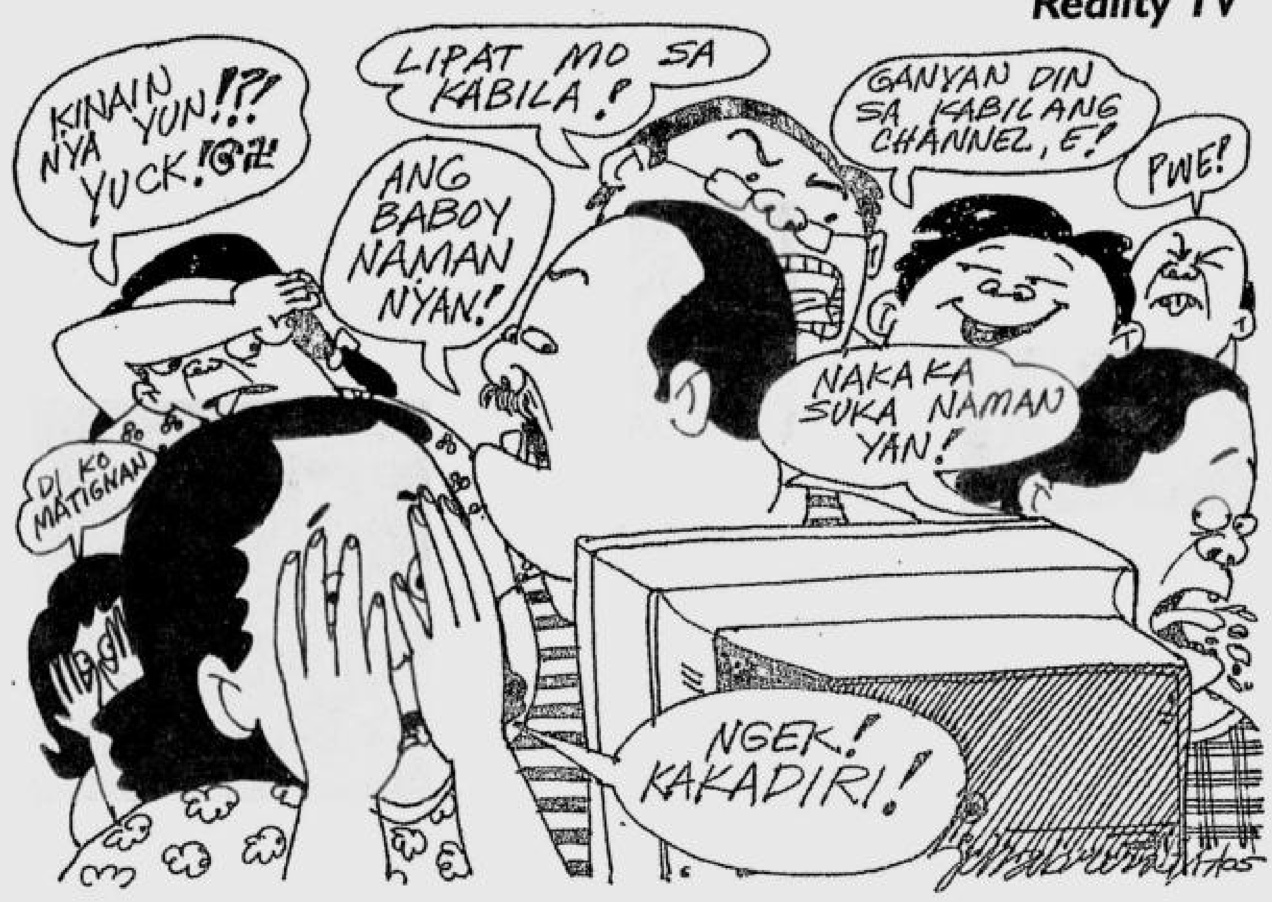
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confront) illegal loggers."

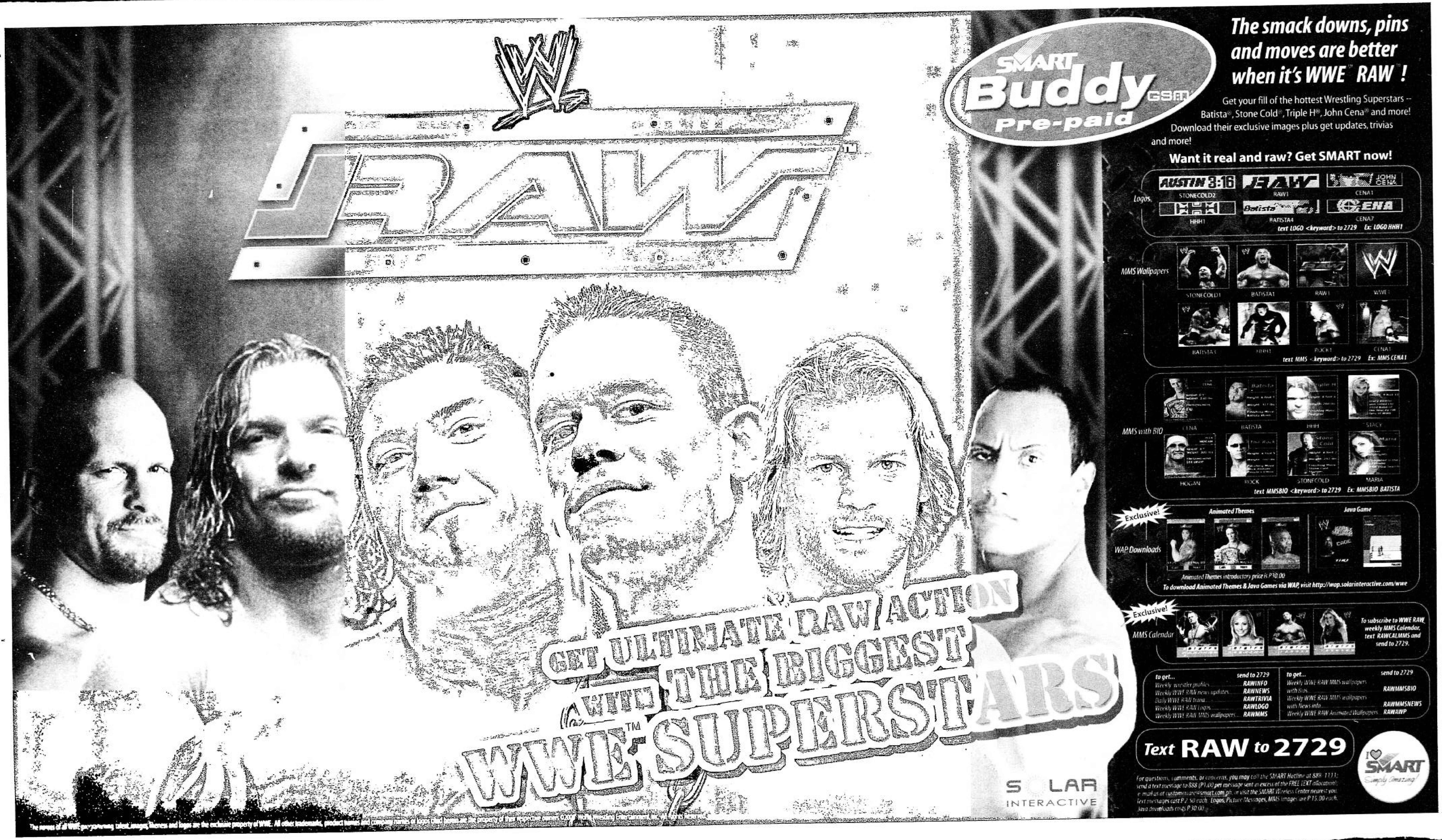
An educator, or specifically, an environmental educator, is what Holopainen truly is. A Philosophy major at the Ateneo, he recalls the defining moment when he would become one of Mother Nature's staunchest defenders. "We were in Cebu, about 30 kids on a boating trip with my uncle and his goons," he relates. "Then a dolphin appeared out of the water, and suddenly, my uncle or one of the goons shot it. There was a collective scream among us kids."

After working for the environmental institution Haribon Foundation and teaching English at the Southwestern University, Holopainen founded the Center for Environmental Awareness Education (CEAE) in 1999. Focused on teacher training using lesson plans with a fun and playful approach to studying the environment, Holopainen and CEAE have trained more than 2,000 teachers around the country. "We love working directly with kids. But if you train even one teacher using our lesson plan, can you imagine how many kids you can reach?" he says.

Like any true-blue educator, Holopainen favors no specific advocacy. He can, however, speak about the environment at length and in great detail. And what passion! "I'm not an angry person," he says almost apologetically when he notes the emotional tone in his voice, "but I can't help but get angry when I read about the extent of corruption and devastation that is happening."

As effusive and indignant as he is, Holopainen swears he is a laid-back kind of guy, the type who likes to live in his shorts and spend as much time as he can on the beach with his dogs. But like the humble hunter-gatherers who boldly faced the mighty loggers and their machines with nothing more than their bolos and a fierce love of their land, this educator is not about to go without a fight.

"You know, this is the first time that I find myself not blaming people for leaving the country and finding a better life elsewhere. But I'm not going to leave, I'm never going to leave," he declares. "Yes, I feel it's a losing cause, and some people might even say it's a lost cause. But there's no giving up trying to teach more people, to reach more people and say we have a very beautiful country that is being raped right now and we just have to stop it. There is a way." Q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